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Cover: *Group photo during the meeting of the Christian advisory committee at the Main Auditorium, Delhi Secretariat, 28 March, 2018*

INTRODUCTION

The Delhi Minorities Commission is pleased to publish this annual report for the year 2017-18 detailing its activities from 20 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. This is the first annual report of the current Commission which took over on 20 July, 2018. The report includes all activities within the Commission as well as those commissioned by the Commission or where Commission Members participated in minorities-related activities across NCT of Delhi and beyond.

Reluctance of some victims to come forward: We find that at times victims are reluctant to come forward either due to fear or because they do not have time to pursue their cases. One such case which we could not follow up is that of Shabana (*name changed)* who was abducted and was repeatedly sold but we could not pursue the case because she was reluctant to come forward and file a complaint with required details. Another such case belongs to a qualified Muslim young lady who was discriminated against only because of her *hijab* by an orphanage but we could not move forward because she refused to file a complaint with all the details which could have enabled us to pinpoint the culprit. If we want justice and fair deal for all of us, we will have to come forward fearlessly and devote a little time to correct the system. Justice at the Commission is free and quick compared to the normal judicial system.

Communal situation: We are pleased to note that NCT of Delhi has been largely free from attacks on minorities in the last year, barring some small incidents in NCT of Delhi in which Police took timely action. There was no attack on the Christian minority in the period under review. In the recent past, the Commission received only one such complaint from the Christian community in Delhi where the pavement outside a church building was forcibly removed by a government agency without prior notice.

The Delhi Minorities Commission is proactive and takes immediate action whenever any such case is reported in media or a complaint is received. The Commission recommends to the Govt. of NCT of Delhi to formulate a clear policy about prevention of communal riots and proper compensation to all the victims of communal violence and lynching, particularly to the next of kin of persons killed in such incidents.

Mosques, *dargahs* and waqf lands: During the period under review, we have seen constant attacks and encroachments by individuals and government authorities on mosques, *dargahs* and waqf lands with a view to occupy and usurp these lands. Details of recent cases in NCT of Delhi are found in this report.

Delhi witnesses, as some other parts of the country, continuation of denial to allow *namaz* in the so-called "protected" mosques under Archaeological Survey of India. Except *namaz*, for which these buildings were built, everything is allowed in these monuments. Offering five-times *namaz* will not only protect these monuments from anti-social elements, but will also ensure their repair, cleanliness and upkeep at the community's expense.

Loans to minorities: Financial institution charged with the responsibility of extending loans to minorities in NCT of Delhi, like Delhi Khadi & Village Industries Board and SC/ST/OBC/Minorities Finance & Development Corporation have failed miserably to discharge their duties properly as details inside will show. This issue is being taken up by the Commission and an appropriate advice will be tendered to the Government of NCT of Delhi once the whole picture is clear.

Certificates of income issued by SDMs: Applications for Central and state scholarship schemes for minority students have been made difficult by the requirement to produce income certificates from SDMs. Perhaps this is the reason why alarmingly low numbers are applying for these scholarships. It is our submission that the earlier method of self-declaration of income should be re-adopted to make life easier for our students who are finding it difficult to procure documents and upload them in time. This relaxation for both state and Central government scholarships will go a long way to mitigate the hardships faced by our students.

OBC certificates: Contrary to the assurances of the concerned department (*please see page 83 below)*, obtaining an OBC certificate is not easy or timely for citizens of the NCT of Delhi. This should be streamlined and also the requirement that an applicant should prove that he or his parents have been living in Delhi since 1993 should be relaxed as migrations are a fact of life and continuously people are moving from rural areas to towns and cities.

Limit of income for minorities for scholarships and loans: The minimum minority family annual income limit for Delhi Governemnt scholarships and 100 percent fee re-imbursement, from class I to XII, is set at Rs 60,000 p.a. which has no rationale as the minimum wage for an unskilled labour in Delhi is Rs 13,896 per month, viz., Rs. 166,852 p.a. It means this limit is set in order to deny this facility to the poor minority people. This limit should be reasonably raised to, say, Rs 3 lakh p.a. Likewise, the minimum family income limit for SC/ST/OBC candidates for loans is three lakh rupees while for minorities it is just one lakh 20 thousand. It is difficult to understand how a minority family can survive in Delhi on one lakh 20 thousand rupees while an SC/St/OBC family requires Rs three lakh to survive in the same city. The minimum income limits for both segments should be same as both suffer from similar conditions of backwardness and poverty. It is our earnest request that the minimum income limit for minorities for both scholarships and loans be raised to three lakh rupees.

Loan sharks: People on the sidelines, especially minorities, are prone to worst exploitation at the hands of loan sharks operating on the sly in poor localities. They readily advance small amounts to the needy and thereafter suck them like leeches using all kinds of coercive methods including threats to kill the victim if he/she did not pay. The victims are ruined within years but the demands of the loan sharks and their thugs never end. The government must take a strong stand against this activity, illegalise it and announce that victims are not liable to pay anything to these leeches. Legal aid should be provided to these victims and ways should be found to offer easy credit to people facing emergency situations like payment of medical bills or marriage expenses of their daughters or payment of school/college fees of their children.

Scholarships, tuition fees reimbursement and stationary help: This is a big scheme of the Central and state governments but, as the details elsewhere in this report will show, these schemes are not reaching eligible people because of lack of information. The number of beneficiaries (at best just over 8000, during 2017-18 – see list on page 106 below) shows that the impact of this scheme is negligible as far as minorities in Delhi are concerned. People dealing with the concerned department constantly complain about the delays, non-payments and uncooperative nature of the staff who have to be sanitized about their required behaviour with ordinary people who are the real stakeholders of our country. The department may be suffering from lack of adequate staff; if so, this must be tackled.

Awareness camps: Compared to previous years, the Commission held a record number of official awareness camps as well as non-official camps [where no monetary help was offered to the organizing NGO]. DMC conducted trainings in collaboration with SC/ST/OBC/Minorities Social Welfare Department for advising NGOs and advisory committees' members to enlighten minorities about how to fill scholarships forms. Interaction with the ordinary public showed that there is sheer lack of information about various government schemes and minority rights and duties. The Commission plans to hold more such camps in the coming two years.

Representation of minorities in Govt. and PSUs: Serious under-representation of minorities in Govt. and PSUs is a matter of grave concern. Official information culled from various government departments and PSUs shows that the representation of minorities in government departments and PSUs continues to be pathetic. Minorities in the NCT of Delhi represent close to 20 percent of the population but their representation in Government services is below 5 percent in most services (*see pages 37-38 below)*. There is no marked improvement despite many promises and schemes in the wake of Prime Minister's 15-point Programme, Sachar Report of 2006 and Justice Misra Commission Report. A pro-active approach is needed to give minorities their due in government services and facilities commensurate with their percentage in the population. Clear cut and measurable steps must be taken to ensure better representation of minorities commensurate to their ratio in the state population.

Honour to those who deserve recognition: DMC has taken a new initiative this year: to honour minority and majority people who have been really making a difference in the lives of the citizens of Delhi. This year Commission is honouring five members of each designated minority community who have carried out outstanding work; two children from each minority community who have achieved top positions in their Secondary and Senior Secondary (High School & Intermediate) studies; three NGOs out of the NGOs empanelled with DMC who have worked outstandingly; three members from each minority community who have performed outstandingly in supporting minority community people; two journalists from each community; two teachers from each community; two human rights activists from each community; two communal harmony workers from each community and five awards to majority community activists for communal harmony and human rights. We asked our advisory and peace committees members, empanelled NGOs, Delhi MPs and MLAs as well as general public to nominate persons in each category explaining with proof why the

nominated person (s) should be honoured. There was an overwhelming response. DMC has selected most eligible candidates for this year's honours although not everyone eligible could be selected. Some nominations which could not be selected this year due to limited numbers of awards may be selected in future.

Media: DMC has been able to keep a distinct presence in electronic and print media during the year under review. Some details are found elsewhere in this report. Some actions of the Commission drew special attention like its timely stand against the proposal to start a course on "Islamic terrorism" in JNU, Jamia Millia Islamia administration's failure to defend in court its minority status or its intention to convert its historical schools into CBSE pattern.

Bureaucracy attitude: Commission feels that bureaucracy within DMC and without is not very cooperative about its initiatives and queries. This creates a sense of helplessness and affects the momentum of work. Hence, it takes months to accomplish something which could be done in a week. Files are unnecessarily moved around within and without which wastes time. The Commission cannot be treated as an ordinary government department. Every Commission is created on the basis of an Act of Parliament or Assembly to monitor and assess work. Treating Commissions as ordinary government departments defeats their purpose.

DMC's requirements: DMC is acutely under-staffed. For a proper and smooth functioning, DMC needs more staff. The staff has to be raised to at least its double current strength. As of now, the Commission is short of staff and some of the current officers are on deputation from other departments. The Commission also needs **Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu translators and a full-time media officer**. Lack of translators and a media officer represents a big hurdle in the timely interaction of the Commission with the targeted communities and media. DMCs budget should also be adequately enhance to meet the new initiatives mentioned in this report. The DMC Act should also be amended to give it more powers and define its duties.

Legal panel: The Commission should have its own legal panel. Although a legal panel existed in the past, as of now there is no legal panel which hampers the Commission's work and reach. In reply to some queries by DMC, Department of Law, Justice and Legislative Affairs, Govt. of NCT of Delhi has said "this Department gives advice to Departments of Government only...Delhi Minority Commission is a statutory body which acts as per the provisions of Delhi Minority Commission Act, 1999" *(8-6-2018; diary no. 4140 dated 14-6-2018).*This affirms the position that DMC should have its own legal panel to advise the Commission and complainants and to look after cases filed by or on behalf of DMC.

Notice boards in minority areas: The Commission proposes to install notice boards in minority areas across NCT of Delhi where announcements and notices about various government schemes and useful information may be displayed regularly. Such notice boards existed in the past but somehow they were discontinued.

Offices in Delhi Assembly constituencies/districts: The Commission proposes to open a small office in each Delhi Assembly constituency or at least in each Delhi district to serve and guide minorities. It will enlighten people about their rights and duties and will facilitate

filling up of forms and follow up with concerned departments. This small office will be manned by one qualified person and an assistant, equipped with computer with Internet connection and telephone line. These small offices will assist poor minority people access government services like scholarships, loans and other schemes like widow and senior citizen's pensions, rations cards etc. Each such office may be managed by an NGO empanelled with DMC and each such NGO will be paid the actual cost of running the office.

Skill development: The Commission also plans to revive a previous scheme to help skill development including computer classes and short skill courses run by NGOs with the help of the Commission.

Registration of madrasas: The Commission plans to start **registration of madrasas** in NCT of Delhi so that they may apply for SPQEM funds. This is an old scheme of DMC on behalf of the Delhi Government which somehow could be pursued in previous years.

Seminars and discussions: The Commission also proposes to hold from time to time seminars and discussions on issues affecting minorities.

More budgetary support: To be able to do all this, Delhi Minorities Commission needs more funds and active support of the Government of NCT of Delhi.

We thank Govt. of NCT of Delhi, DMC staff, members of Muslim, Sikh, Christian, Jain and Buddhist advisory committees, members of the Peace Committee and NGOs empanelled with DMC as well as government departments and mediapersons for their cooperation and support which has facilitated the work of the Commission.

We hope this report will serve to inform the government, general public and media about DMC work and the activities of the Government of NCT Delhi for minorities and nation-building.

We welcome criticism, opinions and suggestions from all sections of society to improve our work and to reach out to unreached people and areas in order to serve all minorities as best as we can.

DR ZAFARUL-ISLAM KHAN, Chairman
KARTAR SINGH KOCHHAR, Member
ANASTASIA GILL, Member
DELHI MINORITIES COMMISSION

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THE CURRENT COMMISSION

Dr ZAFARUL-ISLAM KHAN, Chairman, is a senior journalist. He studied in India, Egypt and UK. He worked in Egypt, Libya and UK. He was the Chief Editor of *The Milli Gazette* from its inception in January 2000 to December 2016. Dr Khan is author and translator of over 50 books in English, Urdu and Arabic published in Cairo, Beirut, London and Delhi. He was President for three terms of the All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat (AIMMM), the umbrella body of Indian Muslim organisations and eminent personalities. He is Chairman of Charity Alliance which is doing charitable work among some of the most disadvantaged people in places like Murshidabad and Muzaffarnagar since 2005. He has attended dozens of conferences across the world and has delivered keynote addresses in many Indian and foreign universities. He organized a number of international conferences in London and Delhi including the International Dialogue Between Islam & Oriental Religions in February 2010 at Delhi which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice-President, Shri Hamid Ansari. Dr Khan frequently appears on top Indian and foreign TV channels on issues related to the Subcontinent and the Muslim World. He was appointed as the Chairman of Delhi Minorities Commission on 15th July, 2017 for a three-year term. Along with the two Members of the Commission, he assumed charge on 20 July, 2017.

Shri KARTAR SINGH KOCHHAR, Member, has been holding both political and social positions with a pious aim to serve the needy people barring their caste, creed and religion. He held political positions as Member of Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee as Joint Secretary from 2007 to 2013 and as Chairman, Governing Body of Guru Harkishan Public School Society (Regd.)during2009-2015. He is a Life Member of the National Rifle Association of India. He is a Member of the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), India; General Secretary, Green Garden Association (Regd.), New Delhi; Vice-Patron, Red Cross Society, New Delhi; Member, DDA Sports Club, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi; Member, Safdarjung Club, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi and Life Member, Investors Club, Greater Kailash, New Delhi; President, Safdarjung Development Area Market Welfare Association, New Delhi, since 1977 till date, and General Secretary, All India Tent Dealers Welfare Organisation (Regd.), New Delhi since 2000 till date. Besides, he held coveted positions in the past as President, Usha Niketan Residents Welfare Association, Safdarjung Development Area, New Delhi; Vice President, Safdarjung Club, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi and Patron, Safdarjung Development Area Residents Welfare Association, New Delhi. He is a cosmopolitan and he has immensely contributed his life for the betterment of society. He has been serving the people and society with the sole aim of ameliorating their lives in all scopes.

Ms. ANASTASIA GILL, Member, is an advocate. She hails from village Ranbir Singh Pune under Jammu & Kashmir state. She belongs to a Roman Catholic family and has three brothers and two sisters. She is also a dedicated nun belonging to the religious congregation Presentation Sisters which originated in Ireland, and has been doing pioneering work in education in India. She graduated from Jesus and Mary College, Delhi University; completed her masters in social work (MSW) from Mumbai University and did her LLB and LLM from Sardar Patel University. Apart from this, she is a Member of the National Dalit Christian Watch, National Christian Dalit Council (NCDC) NCCI and Human Rights Networks working for Dalits, Women and Minorities. She has presented papers in UK on the plight of Dalits and participated in many conference and seminars in UK. She has published articles in well-known journals. She has received many National and International awards. She is known for her activism for Dalit women and dignity of human persons in judicial activism. She has worked for the plight of the under-trial prisoners in various jails. She is well appreciated for her positive energy and believes in team spirit to build a better World. Anastasia has worked in various levels as coordinator and networking for social work interventions for the last 20 years. She had been working as a practicing advocate in Supreme Court, High Court and district courts before her appointment as Member, Delhi Minorities Commission.

PREVIOUS COMMISSIONS

Period	*Chairman*
20-05-2000 – 19-03-2003	Shri Zafar Ali Naqvi
01-10-2003 – 03-09-2006	Prof. Abu Baker
14-05-2007 – 19-05-2010	Shri Kamal Farooqi
23-03-2011 – 03-03-2014	Shri Safdar H. Khan
04-03-2014 – 03-03-2017	Shri Qamar Ahmad

DELHI MINORITIES COMMISSION

Delhi Minorities Commission was set up as a Statutory Body by an Act called **Delhi Minority Commission Act-1999**passed by Delhi Assembly. The Act received the assent of Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi on 7 February, 2000**.**

a) Constitution of the Commission

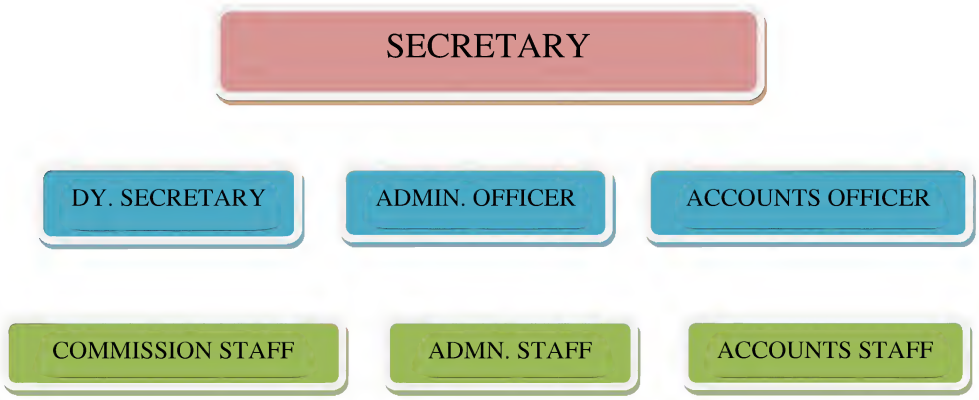
The Act stipulates that the Chairperson and Members of the Commission shall hold office for a period of three years from the date they assume office.

The Commission consists of a full-time Chairperson and two full-time Members nominated by the Govt. of NCT of Delhi from among the designated Minority Communities. The three-year tenure of the current Commission will end on 19 July, 2020.

The Commission meets every week or whenever required. When no meeting is held for some reason, files are rotated between Members. Formal and informal administrative meetings are held whenever need arises. There is no fixed day for hearings which are held as per dates given to the complainant and respondent (s).

Visitors seeking to meet the Chairman or Members are entertained without delay on all working days. Complaints are acted upon same or next day of receipt. Two notices are sent to the respondents giving them about two weeks' time after each notice, after which a hearing is called. Matters are usually decided after the first hearing.

b) **Administrative set-up of the Commission**:



DMC's FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

The Commission shall perform all or any of the following functions as per Section 10 of the Delhi Minorities Act 1999:

a) Examine the working of various safeguards provided in the Constitution of India or the laws enacted by Parliament and the laws passed by the Legislative Assembly of Delhi, for the protection of the Minority Communities, and to make recommendations to ensure their effective implementation;
b) Monitor the implementation of the policies and schemes of the Government for the welfare of Minority Communities;
c) Conduct studies, research and analysis in order to make recommendations to promote the socio-economic uplift of the Minority Communities and facilitate their optimum participation in nation-building;
d) Cause studies to be undertaken into problems concerning minorities;
e) Hold seminars, debates and discussions on problems arising out of any discrimination against Minority Communities and recommend measures for their solutions;
f) Assess the representation of Minority Communities in the services of the Government, semi-Government bodies and Govt. Undertakings, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Delhi Development Authority, New Delhi Municipal Corporation, other local authorities and in case of inadequate representation of minorities, to recommend remedial measures;
g) Make recommendations for ensuring, maintaining and promoting communal harmony in NCT of Delhi;
h) Look into specific complaints regarding the deprivation of the rights and safeguards of the Minority Communities and to take up such matters with the appropriate authorities for necessary actions;
i) Serve as a Clearing House for information in respect of the Minority Communities in NCT of Delhi;
j) Deal with any other matter pertaining to the welfare of the Minority Communities which may be referred to it by the Government.

Annual Report: The Commission shall prepare every year an Annual Report giving a true and full account of activities during the year, along with its recommendations, and copies thereof shall be forwarded to the Government. The Government shall without delay cause the same to be laid before the House of the Legislative Assembly of Delhi along with a report setting out the action-taken or proposed to be taken, on the recommendations and reasons for non-acceptance, if any, of such recommendations.

Special Report: The Commission may submit to the Government a Special Report on any matter of public importance pertaining to interests of the Minority Communities.

Right to be heard: In case of non-acceptance of any recommendation, the Commission shall have the right to be heard by the Minister-in-Charge.

Quasi-judicial Powers: The Commission shall have, in carrying out its functions, the powers of a civil court trying a suit and in particular, in respect of the following matters namely:

a) Summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath;
b) Requiring the discovery and production of any document;
c) Receiving evidence on affidavits and
d) Requisitioning any public or instrumental record or copy thereof, from any office or institution of the Government.

Power to utilize services of agencies: The Commission may, for the purposes of conducting any examination under this Act, utilize the services of any agency of the government with the prior approval of the government.

Protection for statement made to the Commission: No statement made by a person to the Commission in the course of giving evidence shall be used against him in any court proceeding except for perjury.

DESIGNATED MINORITY COMMUNITIES

Minority communities in the National Capital Territory of Delhi are the following communities which were notified as such by the Central Government as per the provisions of National Commission for Minorities Act 1992: 1. Muslims, 2. Sikhs, 3. Christians, 4. Jains, 5. Buddhists and 6. Zoroastrians (Parsis).

 Islam (Muslims)	 Sikhism (Sikhs)
 Christianity (Christians)	 Jainism (Jains)
 Buddhism (Buddhists)	 Zoroastrianism (Parsis)

JAIN AND BUDDHIST REPRESENTATION IN DMC

Until now, by convention, persons from three communities are chosen as Chairman [Muslim] and two Members [Sikh and Christian] of the DMC. Jain community raised the demand that a person from the Jain community should also be selected as a member of DMC. Since DMC itself cannot take a decision in this matter, Chairman DMC wrote to Shri Arvind Kejriwal, Hon'ble Chief Minister of NCT of Delhi, recommending that this request should be considered by the government and while doing so it should also consider to nominate a Buddhist member to the DMC (*12 Jan., 2018).* The letter of Chairman DMC was forwarded to the Divisional Commissioner, Revenue Department of Govt. of NCT of Delhi. No decision has been communicated to DMC so far in this respect.

DELHI RELIGIOUS CENSUS 2011

State	Type	Hindu	Muslim	Christian	Sikh	Buddhist	Jain	Others	Not stated
Delhi	Total	81.68%	12.86%	0.87%	3.40%	0.11%	0.99%	0.01%	0.08%
Delhi	Urban	81.42%	13.01%	0.89%	3.46%	0.11%	1.01%	0.01%	0.08%
Delhi	Rural	91.64%	6.95%	0.27%	0.97%	0.04%	0.05%	0.01%	0.07%

DELHI DISTRICTS – RELIGIOUS DATA 2011

District	Hindu	Muslim	Christian	Sikh	Buddhist	Jain	Others	Not stated
North West	87.82%	7.97%	0.39%	2.52%	0.06%	1.19%	0.01%	0.05%
South Delhi	78.91%	16.32%	1.53%	2.54%	0.14%	0.40%	0.02%	0.12%
West Delhi	82.07%	5.89%	0.72%	10.69%	0.08%	0.45%	0.01%	0.10%
South West	91.70%	4.91%	1.36%	1.38%	0.12%	0.40%	0.01%	0.10%
North East	68.22%	29.34%	0.41%	0.78%	0.11%	1.10%	0.00%	0.05%
East Delhi	82.54%	10.46%	0.92%	3.10%	0.15%	2.75%	0.02%	0.05%
North Delhi	81.81%	13.49%	0.82%	2.15%	0.21%	1.47%	0.01%	0.05%
Central Delhi	62.53%	33.36%	0.61%	2.24%	0.06%	1.01%	0.02%	0.17%
New Delhi	87.66%	5.97%	3.42%	2.07%	0.22%	0.48%	0.05%	0.14%

Source: Census Data 2011

MINORITY CERTIFICATES

While applying for admissions in educational institutions and getting services for minorities, members of minority communities faced severe problem in proving that they belonged to a notified minority community as various authorities did not accept the self-attested declarations. Therefore, the current Commission has started issuing minority certificates on the basis of a self-statement by the applicants supported by their Aadhaar or other official identity cards like the voter ID. This is a new tradition started by the current Commission. Such certificates are promptly issued by the DMC Chairman and Members, against an application and copies of supporting documents, on any working day.

WHO IS A SIKH?

"You are a 'Sikh' since you believe in Sikhism and the Indian Constitution gives every citizen the right to profess and preach any religion of his / her choice. Moreover, as per the National Commission for Minorities Act passed by Parliament in 1992, Sikhs are a minority community in India." (*Chairman DMC's reply to Mr Sarabjeet Singh's query, 16-10-2017)*

PRIME MINISTER'S NEW 15-POINT PROGRAMMEFOR THE WELFARE OF MINORITIES

(A) ENHANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

(1) Equitable availability of ICDS Services

The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is aimed at holistic development of children and pregnant/lactating mothers from disadvantaged sections, by providing services through Anganwadi Centres such as supplementary nutrition, immunization, health check-up, referral services, pre-school and non-formal education. A certain percentage of the ICDS projects and Anganwadi Centres will be located in blocks/villages with a substantial population of minority communities to ensure that the benefits of this scheme are equitably available to such communities also.

(2) Improving access to School Education

Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Scheme, and other similar Government schemes, it will be ensured that a certain percentage of all such schools are located in villages/localities having a substantial population of minority communities.

(3) Greater resources for teaching Urdu

Central assistance will be provided for recruitment and posting of Urdu language teachers in primary and upper primary schools that serve a population in which at least one-fourth belong to that language group.

(4) Modernizing Madarsa Education

The Central Plan Scheme of Area Intensive and Madarsa Modernization Programme provides basic educational infrastructure in areas of concentration of educationally backward minorities and resources for the modernization of Madarsa education. Keeping in view the importance of addressing this need, this programme will be substantially strengthened and implemented effectively.

(5) Scholarships for meritorious students from minority communities

Schemes for pre-matric and post- matric scholarships for students from minority communities will be formulated and implemented.

(6) Improving educational infrastructure through the Maulana Azad Education Foundation

The Government shall provide all possible assistance to Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) to strengthen and enable it to expand its activities more effectively.

(B) EQUITABLE SHARE IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AND EMPLOYMENT

(7) Self-Employment and Wage Employment for the poor

(a) The Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), the primary self-employment programme for rural areas, has the objective of bringing assisted poor rural families above the poverty line by providing them income generating assets through a mix of bank credit and

Governmental subsidy. A certain percentage of the physical and financial targets under the SGSY will be earmarked for beneficiaries belonging to the minority communities living below the poverty line in rural areas.

(b) **The Swarn Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY)** consists of two major components namely, the Urban Self-Employment Programme (USEP) and the Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP). A certain percentage of the physical and financial targets under USEP and UWEP will be earmarked to benefit people below the poverty line from the minority communities.

(c) **The Sampurna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY)** is aimed at providing additional wage employment in rural areas alongside the creation of durable community, social and economic infrastructure. Since the National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (NREGP) has been launched in 200 districts, and SGRY has been merged with NREGP in these districts, in the remaining districts, a certain percentage of the allocation under SGRY will be earmarked for beneficiaries belonging to the minority communities living below the poverty line till these districts are taken up under NREGP. Simultaneously, a certain percentage of the allocation will be earmarked for the creation of infrastructure in such villages, which have a substantial population of minorities.

(8) **Upgradation of skills through technical training**

A very large proportion of the population of minority communities is engaged in low-level technical work or earns its living as handicraftsmen. Provision of technical training to such people would upgrade their skills and earning capability. Therefore, a certain proportion of all new ITIs will be located in areas predominantly inhabited by minority communities and a proportion of existing ITIs to be upgraded to 'Centres of Excellence' will be selected on the same basis.

(9) **Enhanced credit support for economic activities**

(a) The National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) was set up in 1994 with the objective of promoting economic development activities among the minority communities. The Government is committed to strengthen the NMDFC by providing it greater equity support to enable it to fully achieve its objectives.

(b) Bank credit is essential for creation and sustenance of self-employment initiatives. A target of 40% of net bank credit for priority sector lending has been fixed for domestic banks. The priority sector includes, inter alia, agricultural loans, loans to small-scale industries & small business, loans to retail trade, professional and self-employed persons, education loans, housing loans and micro-credit. It will be ensured that an appropriate percentage of the priority sector lending in all categories is targeted for the minority communities.

(10) **Recruitment to State and Central Services**

(a) In the recruitment of police personnel, state governments will be advised to give special consideration to minorities. For this purpose, the composition of selection committees should be representative.

(b) The Central Government will take similar action in the recruitment of personnel to the Central police forces.

(c) Large scale employment opportunities are provided by the Railways, nationalized banks and public sector enterprises. In these cases also, the concerned departments will ensure that special consideration is given to recruitment from minority communities.

(d) An exclusive scheme will be launched for candidates belonging to minority communities to provide coaching in government institutions as well as private coaching institutes with credibility.

(C) IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIVING OF MINORITIES

(11) **Equitable share in rural housing scheme**

The Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) provides financial assistance for shelter to the rural poor living below the poverty line. A certain percentage of the physical and financial targets under IAY will be earmarked for poor beneficiaries from minority communities living in rural areas.

(12) **Improvement in condition of slums inhabited by minority communities**

Under the schemes of Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) and Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), the Central Government provides assistance to States/UTs for development of urban slums through provision of physical amenities and basic services. It would be ensured that the benefits of these programmes flow equitably to members of the minority communities and to cities/slums, predominantly inhabited by minority communities.

(D) PREVENTION & CONTROL OF COMMUNAL RIOTS

(13) **Prevention of communal incidents**

In the areas, which have been identified as communally sensitive and riot prone, district and police officials of the highest known efficiency, impartiality and secular record must be posted. In such areas and even elsewhere, the prevention of communal tension should be one of the primary duties of the district magistrate and superintendent of police. Their performances in this regard should be an important factor in determining their promotion prospects.

(14) **Prosecution for communal offences**

Severe action should be taken against all those who incite communal tension or take part in violence. Special court or courts specifically earmarked to try communal offences should be set up so that offenders are brought to book speedily.

(15) **Rehabilitation of victims of communal riots**

Victims of communal riots should be given immediate relief and provided prompt and adequate financial assistance for their rehabilitation.

REDRESSAL OF GRIEVANCES OF MINORITIES

Section 10 (h) of DMC Act 1999 & Rules 2000 defines the duties of the Commission as follows: "Look into specific complaints regarding the deprivation of rights and safe-guards of the minority communities and to take up such matters with the appropriate authorities for necessary action".

The Commission receives/registers petitions/complaints by following means:

a) By post;
b) In person;
c) Via email;
d) *Suo-motu* cognizance by Commission Members through newspaper reports/write-ups or reliable information received from some source;
e) Complaints forwarded by other Commissions, Govt. Departments and NGOs.

JURISDICTION

1. Since the Commission's jurisdiction is limited to the NCT of Delhi, any person residing in Delhi can approach the Commission with a complaint/petition. As per Section 10 of DMC Act 1999, the Commission is competent "to examine the working of various safeguards provided in the Constitution of India or laws enacted by Parliament and the laws passed by the Legislative Assembly of Delhi for the protection of the Minority Communities, and to make recommendations to ensure their effective implementation."

2. Any complaint which does not include name, signature and address of the complainant/petitioner will generally not be entertained. However, if it pertains to a larger issue concerning the Community as a whole, the Commission can take cognizance and take appropriate action on such petitions/complaints.

3. Matters which are *sub-judice* before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, High Court or any other court of law or by any other statutory body shall not be entertained and enquired into. Likewise matters looked into by other Commissions are not accepted by DMC.

4. Complaints of private property or financial disputes and unauthorized construction etc. shall not be entertained and the petitioner/complainant will be advised to seek redressal from the Department concerned or from courts of law.

5. If a complaint/petition pertains to a criminal matter or is of civil nature between two parties, it will not be entertained.

6. Complaints pertaining to administrative matters like probation, transfer etc. will not be entertained unless they make out a case of bias or discrimination on the basis of the complainant's belonging to a designated minority community.

7. Copies of complaints originally made to some other commission or authority are usually not entertained.

POWER OF THE COMMISSION

Commission may use the quasi-judicial powers contained in Section 10 (5) of DMC Act namely,

a. Summoning and enforcing attendance of any person and examining him/her on oath etc.;

b. Requiring the discovery and production of a document or document (s);

c. Receiving evidence on affidavits; and

d. Requisitioning any public or institutional record, or copy thereof, from any office or institution of the Government.

MONITORING OF WELFARE SCHEMES

MSDP IN THE MINORITY-DOMINATED DISTRICT (NORTH-EAST DELHI)

Delhi Minorities Commission is mandated to monitor the implementation of policies and schemes of the Government for the welfare of minority communities in NCT of Delhi. MSDP is one such scheme which is a centrally-sponsored scheme for the uplift of Muslim minority-concentration districts across the country. The designated Delhi district for this scheme in NCT of Delhi is the North East District. The programme aims at improving socio-economic conditions of the minority and providing basic amenities to it for improving quality of life of the people. The projects taken up under MSDP are related to provision of better infrastructure for education, skill development, health, sanitation, roads etc. besides schemes for creating income-generating opportunities.

SDPM scheme started in 90 designated districts across the country in 2008-09 and ended on 31 March, 2018. It has now been replaced by "Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram" (*see p. 24 below)*.

The District and State Level Committees for the implementation of MSDP in the North East District of Delhi were reconstituted and notified on 8 July, 2016. The State Level Committee is chaired by the Chief Secretary, Delhi Government, while the District Level Committee is chaired by the District Magistrate (North-East), Revenue District, GNCT of Delhi. After the constitution of both the Committees, a meeting of the District Level Committee was held on 5 September, 2016 under the Chairmanship of the District Magistrate (North-East) where the following agenda points were discussed and action recommended:

a. Sponsoring two batches of students of the minority community under MSDP for study in world-class skill centre running under the Department of Training & Technical Education, GNCTD in collaboration with Govt. of Singapore at ITI, Vivek Vihar, Delhi at the estimated cost of Rs. 33.60 lakh.
b. Sponsoring of minority students in Continue Education (CE) programme run by the National Institute of Fashion Technology at the estimated cost of Rs. 120 lakh.
c. Providing electronic tablets to 1000 minority girls in place of bicycles, at the estimated cost of Rs. 50 lakh.

DISPENSARY AT BULAND MASJID IN SHASTRI PARK, DELHI

DMC is monitoring the progress of the building of the dispensary near Buland Masjid in Shastri Park area of East Delhi, being built with MSDP funds. The project was approved in 2012 but could be started on the ground only in 2016. It was supposed to be ready in early 2017. DMC held a follow-up meeting with the representatives of all the concerned departments in the DMC conference hall on 26 September, 2017. During this meeting, officers assured the Commission that the Dispensary will be ready by 31st October, 2017. Perturbed by the delay, DMC Chairman Dr Khan and Member Mr Kochhar visited the site on 29-1-18 when it was found that though the structure of the multi-storey building is complete,

finishing work is pending due to the non-payment of dues to the contractor. Immediately after the inspection, Chairman DMC wrote to the District Magistrate, North-East, GNCTD: "Today I joined the joint inspection of the above-mentioned project being implemented under MSDP through you. We found that most of the construction work is complete-90 percent according to the site staff but it transpired that the contractor has not been paid even for the work he has already completed, that his arrears of around rupees two crores are yet to be paid. As a result he has stopped the work. Moreover, according to the site staff, they had to do some additional work to firm up the soft land on which the building has been constructed and also have built a boundary which was not part of the original plan. Needless to say, this project is suffering from unnecessary delay and is behind schedule by at least one year. Even last September, during a joint meeting of all concerned departments at DMC, PWD people had promised to complete the building within three months, if funds are paid promptly. We are sorry to note that the project is still where it was last September. You are hereby directed to expedite the release of due payments to the concerned department so that the work is completed at the earliest and the area's people start benefiting from the promised health services through this dispensary. Please send follow up reports on this project" *(29-1-2018).* DMC pursued the matter with the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs which replied on 25-5-2018 that the second instalment has been paid to the Delhi North-East District Magistrate on 28-12-2017. As the funds are still not released, Chairman DMC wrote to the district magistrate of North-East district on 4-6-2018 to inform the Commission if the work has been re-started.

Plight of the MSDP Scheme in Delhi's North East Distt.

At least as it concerns North-East Delhi district, the ground reality of MSDP is not satisfactory as the following report prepared by DMC will show:

No MSPD funds received by NE Dist. last year

The Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) is one of the important initiatives taken by the Union Government after the tabling of Sachar Report. Under this plan, a special programme was launched in 90 minority-concentrated backward districts to ensure their development. Reports are published from time to time that this plan is not being implemented properly or that funds are not spent in the minority pockets of the designated districts.

Delhi's North East District, where a sizeable Muslim population lives, is included in the MSDP scheme. In this area, eight projects have been completed since the start of the scheme in 2012. These are as follows:

1. Construction of 80 class-rooms in seven secondary and higher secondary schools;

2. Construction of 17 toilets in government schools;

3. Improvement of the water supply in Saboli Bagh and Welcome areas;

4. IT cell;

5. Construction of the Secondary School in Sundernagri;

6. Construction of the Secondary School building in Jafarabad;

7. Construction of Women Wing's ITI in Nandnagri;

8. Construction of additional 20 rooms in a Sundarnagri school.

In addition to this, a dispensary near Buland Masjid in Shastri Park is under construction since 2012 (actively since 2016) but due to delay in the release of funds by the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs (MMA), the work is at standstill for the last one year. Likewise, provision of machinery tools and equipment to ITI Nandnagri is waiting for the release of funds from MMA. Chairman DMC has written to the secretary MMA to expedite the release of funds for the Buland Masjid Dispensary.

In addition to the above, a project to construct a vocational centre in a government girls school has been cancelled after the discovery that another similar centre is operational in the North-East district. Two other projects are planned under MSDP, *viz.*, a building for a multi-skill training centre/polytechnic and construction of 17 additional classrooms in Sarvodya Vidyalaya in Badarpur Khadar. Due to lack of funds, no work has started yet to implement both these proposed projects.

District Magistrate, NE District, is charged with the implementation of the MSDP in the district. Delhi Minorities Commission issued a notice to him (*21-3-18)* to explain what is being done to complete the unfinished projects, how projects are approved for this scheme, who are the members of the District Level Committee who pass projects and who appointed them and when.

It is clear that all the above projects undertaken under MSDP are actually of general nature which should have been implemented using general government funds but they have unnecessarily been included in the MSDP.

Despite being a special scheme, progress is very slow in the implementation of projects under MSDP because the MMA is not providing funds in time even for approved projects. The District Magistrate North-East Distt. has informed the DMC that no MSDP funds were received by the North East District from the MMA in the year 2016-17 (*Report released by DMC on 30-4-2018).*

PRADHAN MANTRI JAN VIKAS KARYAKARAM

MSDP has now been converted into "Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram" (PMVJK) which is an improved version of the previous plan and covers more minority concentration areas (MCAs). Under PMJVK, the following areas of NCT of Delhi will be covered: seven units including two minority-concentrated districts *viz.*, Central and North-East districts [earlier only North East District was included in MSDP], five minority-concentration towns (MCTs) namely, (i) DMC (U) (part), (ii) Mustafabad, (iii) Khajoori Khas, (iv) Ziauddinpur, and (v) Jafarabad. PMVJK has a short lease of life and will end with the 14thFinance Commission on 31 March, 2020. However, the scheme will come into force only after designating a nodal ministry to implement it, which is still awaited.

DMC Chairman with PWD officials during inspection of the Buland Masjid Dispensary building on 29 January, 2018

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

For the benefit of minority communities, a brochure was printed and distributed by DMC free of cost. It contained details of all Central and state schemes of scholarships, fees reimbursement and merit scholarships. Last year a book, *Delhi Minorities Commission – Vision, Mandate &Schemes for Minorities – 2017-18* (78 pages) was published and distributed free of cost to advisory committees members and to members of minority communities especially during awareness camps across NCT of Delhi. In addition to offering an overview of the Commission's role and mandate, the booklet included details about scholarships and loan schemes of the Central and state governments for minorities (*See under Publications).*

Shri Kartar Singh Kochhar, Member, DMC, compiled a book, *Welfare Schemes for Minorities* (96 A4 pages) at his own initiative and cost and distributed it among DMC advisory committees members and at awareness camps, and to visitors of DMC.

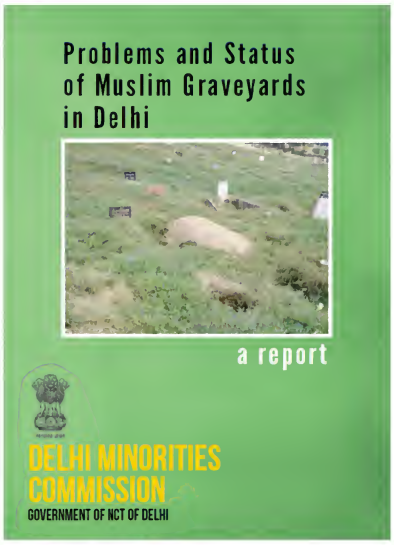
Applications are made online on the e-portal of Govt. of NCT of Delhi during the prescribed duration for the applications. Last year the last date for Delhi State schemes was 31st December but with Commission efforts it was extended four times until 10 April2018. DMC advisory committees' members and empanelled NGOs helped minorities to access information and fill online forms.

Applicants find it difficult to procure income certificates from the area SDMs and have asked DMC to get this condition removed so that self-declared statements are accepted as in some other schemes. Chairman DMC wrote to the Hon'ble Union Minister for Minority Affairs saying: "We have received a number of complaints that Central and state scholarship schemes for minority students have been made difficult by the requirement to produce income certificates from SDMs. Perhaps this is the reason why alarmingly low numbers are applying now for these scholarships. It is our respectful submission that the earlier method of self-declaration of income should be re-adopted to make life easier for our students who are finding it difficult to procure documents and upload them in time. This relaxation for both state and central government scholarships will go a long way to mitigate the hardships faced by our students. I hope this suggestion will be studied with care and sympathy" (*27-9-2017).*

(See details of scholarships disbursed in 2017-18 on page 106 below)

DMC Members Ms. Anastasia Gill and Kartar Singh Kochhar, along with NGOs representatives, interacting with the Department of Welfare of SC/ST/OBC/Minorities officials to understand the modalities and problems of the Delhi state scholarships scheme.

MUSLIM GRAVEYARDS IN DELHI



The previous Commission, whose tenure ended in March 2017, had decided to conduct a study on "The Problems and Status of Muslim Graveyards in Delhi". Human Development Society was entrusted to conduct this study. It was completed but could not be published by the previous commission. It has now been edited and published and presented to the Govt. of NCT of Delhi and various departments and organisations which may benefit from it to plan a remedy for the gave situation facing Delhi's Muslim population. Here is a summary of the report:

As per records, there are 704 Muslim graveyards in various part of the National Capital Territory which are divided as follows:

Delhi Waqf Board (DWB) list	623	Community-owned	13
DWB but not on its list	28	Private-owned:	8
MCD *(three are not on its list)*	11	Govt./Gram Sabha	13
DDA	5	Owned by others	3

Out of these existing graveyards, only 131 are functioning now and even out of these, a total of 16 graveyards are under litigation and therefore they are not functioning. These also include 43 graveyards which have been encroached upon by various entities. Most graveyards are small, measuring 10 *bighas* or less; 46 per cent have five *bighas* or less.

Very few graveyards were developed in the recent past despite the growing need due to the increase in the population as a result of the natural growth and immigration from other, especially rural, areas of the country.

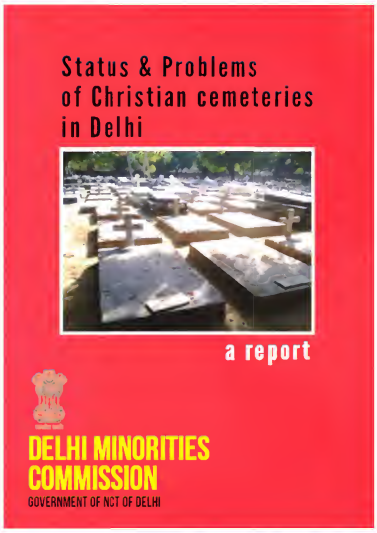
Average annual Muslim funerals in NCT of Delhi: 13,000
Total vacancies in existing graveyards (2017): 29,370

This means that at the present pace, there will be no space left after only one year from now (2018) unless some remedial strategies are adopted.

***Suggested remedies**:* Use of *kaccha* graves that allow re-burial in the same space after a few years; and development of new graveyards by forcing illegal occupants and encroachers to vacate or pay monetary compensation for the land occupied by them. Monetary compensation will be used to buy land for graveyards.

Requirements: (a) Allocation of new land for graveyards to compensate for those encroached upon by various entities including government and its agencies; (b) Boundary walls, lights and guards for the existing graveyards to discourage occupation and encroachment.

CHRISTIAN CEMETERIES IN DELHI



A study on "The Status and Problems of Christian cemeteries in Delhi" was commissioned by the previous Commission but could not be published during its tenure. This report, prepared by Ullhas Foundation, was accepted by the current Commission. It has now been edited and published and presented to the Govt. of NCT of Delhi and various departments and organisations which may benefit from it to plan a remedy for the grave situation facing Delhi's Christian population. Here is a summary of the report:

Methodology adopted: Meetings, interviews/discussions held with Church leaders, members of the Christian Community and associations, DDA, NDMC and MCD with a view to get the questionnaires duly filled-in, designed separately for Churches and Cemeteries.

The following options were recommended to mitigate the problems of Christian burial places in Delhi:

- The installation of cell-like structures inside the cemeteries to accommodate more bodies within the limited spaces available. This option has been working well in many southern states of India.
- Underground construction could be explored where underground cemeteries are feasible.
- Use of vertical graves in cemeteries should be explored to accommodate more bodies. This is being applied in St. Thomas Cemetery in Tughlakabad, Delhi.
- Govt. may be requested for subsidizing management for cemeteries as presently funds are collected from the Christian families and occasional donations which are not enough to maintain and run the cemeteries properly.

STUDY ON SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL CONDITIONS OF MUSLIM WOMEN IN THE NORTH-EAST DISTRICT

Soon Delhi Minorities Commission will float a tender for a study on the social and educational conditions of Muslim women in Delhi's North East district.

FINANCIAL INCLUSION OF MINORITIES

Status report regarding loan applications received from minority communities (*Delhi SC/ST/OBC/Minorities & Handicapped Finance& Development Corporation Ltd., a Govt. of NCT of Delhi Undertaking*)

The Delhi SC/ST/OBC/Minorities & Handicapped Finance& Development Corporation Ltd. (DSSOM&HF&DCL -- a Govt. of NCT of Delhi Undertaking) runs various loan schemes for members of minority communities. It has its headquarters at Ambedkar Bhawan Institutional Area, Sector-16, Rohini, New Delhi 110089.

Some popular schemes are composite loan schemes, Swarojgar Yojna, Vocational Training, Transport Loan Scheme and Education Loan Schemes. The Commission holds regular interaction with officials of these Undertakings.

Details of different schemes of DSSOM&HF&DCL for the year 2017-2018 are as follows:

a. Composite Loan Scheme

Year	Opening	Forms received	Total	Sanctioned	Rejection	Under Process
2017-2018	0	13	13	11	1	1

b. Dilli Swarojgar Yojna

Year	Opening	Forms received	Total	Sanctioned	Rejection	Under Process
2017-2018	0	3	3	3	0	0

c. E-Rickshaw

Year	Forms received	Sanctioned	Rejection	Under Process
2017-18	0	0	0	0

d. Vocational Training

Year	Opening	Forms received	Total	Sanctioned	Rejection	Under process
2017-18	0	110	110	79	31	0

e. Transport Loan Schemes

Year	Opening	Forms received	Total	Sanctioned	Rejection	Under process
2017-18	0	0	0	0	0	0

f. Education Loan Scheme

Year	Opening	Forms Received	Total	Sanctioned	Rejection	Under process
2017-18	0	7	7	6	1	One case pending disbursement

g. Big Loan Scheme

Year	Opening	Forms Received	Total	Sanctioned	Rejection	Under process
2017-18	0	0	0	0	0	0

DMC Chairman wrote to the Managing Director, Delhi SC/ST/OBC/Minorities Financial Development Corp. saying "As you know, Delhi Minorities Commission monitors schemes for minorities in NCT of Delhi. A gist of our findings and work is published in the Annual Report of the Commission which is being prepared now. I understand that you run the following schemes:

a. Delhi Swarojgar Yojna Scheme for projects upto 5 lakh
b. Composite loan scheme for projects costing upto 11 lakh
c. Big loan scheme for self-employment for projects costing upto 5 lakh
d. Transport loan scheme for self-employment upto 5 lakh and
e. Educational loan scheme for education purposes costing Rs. 10 lakh.

"Kindly provide us *urgently* details of the above and any other schemes run by your organisation for minorities during 2017-18, including

(a) applications received in 2017-18,
(b) applications approved in the same period;
(c) reasons for rejection of applications;
(d) total amount released to minorities under each scheme;
(e) a minority-wise breakup of the loans and facilities given by you. The designated minorities are Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Jains, Buddhists and Parsis" *(12-6-2018)*

LOANS GIVEN BY DSSOM&HF&DCLTO MINORITIES

Status of applications received during the financial year 2017-18 under MND categories

Category	Scheme	Total no. applications received	Total no. of cases sanctioned	Amount of loan disbursed	Total no. applications rejected	Reason for rejection	No. of cases under consideration
Muslim	CLS	11	9	4,27,500	1	Applicant was regular student of I.P. University	1
Sikh	CLS	2	2	95,000	--	--	--
Muslim	Education	2	2	2,18,225	--	--	--
Muslim	DSY	3	3	8,10,000	--	---	--
Total		**18**	**16**	**15,50,725**	**1**	**--**	**1**

(DSSOM&HF&DCL's reply to DMC dated 2-6-18)

It is clear from these figures that **DSSOM&HF&DCL has failed to servein a meaningful way the minority communities in NCT of Delhi who represent more than 18 percent of the population of NCT of Delhi.** The DMC proposes to call for a series of meetings with the officials of the DSSOM&HF&DCL and similar organisations to know the hurdles and thrash out their functioning. From what we have seen until now, it may be said that the DSSOM&HF&DCL has failed to serve the minority communities in NCT of Delhi. Govt. of NCT of Delhi should appoint a high-power committee to study the purpose and delivery of this organisation in order to come to a conclusion if it has been able to discharge its duties.

STATE-LEVEL BANKING COMMITTEE

As part of the financial inclusion policy of the GoI, RBI issued a circular on 1 July, 2014 which is commonly known as the Circular-Credit Facilities to Minority Communities. On the basis of the said circular, DMC made necessary interactions with the concerned department in NCT of Delhi, *viz*., State Level Banking Committee (SLBC)which has included DMC as a member of the SLBC. A DMC representative participates in the quarterly meetings of the SLBC trying to achieve the target of 15 per cent of the total fund allocations in both the Priority and Non-Priority sectors to the minority communities as part of the financial inclusion policy. On the intervention of the Commission, SLBC has appointed nodal officers in each bank to attend to minorities. The list of nodal officers is available on the website of the Commission. Thanks to the efforts of the DMC, a substantial increase of the fund

allocation to the members of Minority communities has taken place through the Member Banks of the SLBC (*please see below).*

91st State Level Bankers' Committee Meeting for NCT of Delhi for Review March 2018 held on 4 June, 2018:

Advances to Minority Communities (summarized comparative position):

(*Rs. in crore*)

March 2017	December 2017	March 2018	Variation		% Growth	
			Over the Year	Over December 2017	Over the Year	Over December2017
8876	9444	11050	427	356	3. 78	3. 13.

Advances to Minority communities have increased by Rs 427 cr., i.e., 3. 78 % on YoY basis whereas over Dec., 2017, by Rs 356 crore, *i.e*., by 3. 13%

(*Rs. in crore*)

Priority Sector Advances			Advances to Minority Communities			%age to Priority Sector Advances		
March 2017	December 2017	March 2018	March 2017	December 2017	March 2018	March 2017	December 2017	March 2018
139922	137572	148074	11292	11363	11719	8. 07	8. 26	7. 91

Percentage of Advances to Minority Communities to Priority Sector

Advances decreased from 8. 07% to 7.91% on YoY basis during this period

CENTRAL DISTRICT:

Name of Community	No. of Accounts as on		Amt. Outstanding as on (in Cr.)	
A. Minority Communities	**Quarter ended (31. 12. 17)**	**Quarter ended (31. 3. 18)**	**Quarter ended (31. 12. 17)**	**Quarter ended (31. 3. 18)**
1. Christians	3215	3235	212	213
2. Muslims	25030	25102	2487	2592
3. Buddhists	380	385	25	25
4. Sikhs	20624	20795	2713	2900
5. Zoroastrians	187	183	13	13
6. Jains	6211	6289	903	985
Total (1 to 6)	55647	55989	6354	6728
B. Others	119962	121337	15977	16288
C. Total PS Adv. in the Identified District (A+B)	175609	177326	22331	23015
D. Share of A out of C in percentage (%)	**31. 68**	**31. 57**	**28. 45**	**29. 74**

NORTH EAST DELHI:

Name of Community	No. of Accounts as on		Amt. Outstanding as on (in Cr.)	
A. Minority Communities	**Quarter ended (31. 12. 17)**	**Quarter ended (31. 03. 18)**	**Quarter ended (31. 12. 17)**	**Quarter ended (31. 03. 18)**
1. Christians	4	7	0. 45	0. 61
2. Muslims	1626	1637	49. 52	49. 85
3. Buddhists	1	17	0. 04	2. 07
4. Sikhs	116	94	9. 41	9. 58
5. Zoroastrians	0	1	0. 00	0. 00
6. Jains	88	74	5. 47	6. 33
Total (1 to 6)	1835	1830	64. 89	68. 44
B. Others	6020	6062	346. 48	370. 85
C. Total PS Adv. in the Identified District (A+B)	7855	7892	411. 37	439. 29
D. Share of A out of C in percentage (%)	23. 36	23. 19	15. 77	15. 58

Out of the two above identified districts in Central district the percentage of Advances to Minority Community to Priority Sector Advances has increased from 28. 45% to 29.74% whereas in North East district, it has decreased from 15.77% to 15.58% during the quarter under review.

All the LDMs and the Banks are requested to initiate action for more financing to Minority Communities to maintain its desired level of a minimum of 15%.

(Source: State Level Bankers' Committee, NCT of Delhi, 91st meeting, 4th June 2018, p. 67)

DELHI KHADI &VILLAGE INDUSTRIES BOARD

DKVIB is a nodal agency for the disbursement of funds to members of the minority communities under the PM's Rojgar Yojna Schemes. The DKVIB fixed a target for the disbursement of financial support under the said scheme to the members of the targeted communities. The factual position shows that this organization has miserably failed in the discharge of its duties which is clear from following data supplied by DKVIB for 2017-18:

Total number of minority applications received: 37

1. Cases sanctioned by the bank: 01
2. Applications pending at the level of bank: 02
3. Applications pending at the level of DLTFC: 04
4. Applications rejected at the level of DLTFC: 09
5. Applications rejected at the level of the Board: 21

(As per reply of DK&VIB to DMC, dated 11-6-18)

In other words, during the year under review, DKVIB actually provided only one (1) loan to Delhi minorities which is a slight improvement on last year's figure which was zero (see DMC Annual Report 2016-17, p. 28).

The record of the DKVIB is unsatisfactory to say the least. DMC is planning to call for a meeting with its directors to understand the hurdles and sort out the problems. Meanwhile, Chairman DMC wrote the following letter to the Director, DKVIB: "As you know, Delhi Minorities Commission monitors schemes for minorities in NCT of Delhi. A gist of our findings and work is published in the Annual Report of the Commission which is being prepared now. We have received a very scanty reply from Mr RK Gupta, Dy. Director in your department saying that one application was sanctioned in 2017-18. This information is not sufficient. Kindly provide us *urgently* details of all your loan schemes for minorities during 2017-18, including information on (a) applications received in 1917-18; (b) applications approved in the same period; (c) reasons for rejection of applications; (d) total amount released to minorities under each scheme; (e) total amount available for the scheme, (f) a minority-wise breakup of the loans and facilities given by you in the period, (g) a comparative chart of this and previous years. The designated minorities are Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Jains, Buddhists and Parsis" *(15-6-2018).* A meeting will be held soon with representatives of the DKVIB to understand the problems and find a way out to serve the targeted communities better.

REPRESENTATION OF MINORITIES IN GOVERNMENT SERVICES

As per Clause 10 (f) of DMC Act 1999 and Rules 2000, the Commission can assess the representation of minority communities in the services of the Government, semi-Government bodies and Govt. undertakings, Municipal Corporations of Delhi, Delhi Development Authority, New Delhi Municipal Council and other local authorities and in case of inadequate representation, can recommend remedial measures.

In this connection, the Commission keeps in touch with all departments. Information received from some departments/local bodies and PSUs is tabulated below.

The Commission continues to collect information from other departments/autonomous bodies and shall thereafter examine the inputs for possible action. According to DoPT guidelines:

i) The Composition of Selection Committee should be representative. It is be mandatory to have one member belonging to SC/ST and one member belonging to a minority community in the selection boards/committees when making recruitment for ten or more vacancies.

ii) Where the number of vacancies against which selection is to be made is less than ten, efforts should be made to have an SC/ST officer and a minority community officer included in such committees/boards.

iii) Wide publicity should be given to all appointments in government, public sector enterprises and public sector banks and financial institutions. Advertisements should be issued in the language (s) spoken by a large number of people of the State/UTs, apart from English and Hindi. Further, for ground C&D level posts, having only basic qualifying requirements, information about vacancies for recruitment should also be disseminated through schools and colleges in that area, in addition to normal channels.

iv) Where there is a concentration of minority community population, the vacancy circular in the local language should be distributed in those areas by suitable arrangements.

Assessment of Representation of Minority Communities in Govt. of NCT of Delhi Services

Sl. No	Name of Department	Posts Sanctioned (Total)	No. of Employees Present	No. of Muslims	% of Muslims	No. of Christians	% of Christians	No. of Sikhs	% of Sikhs	No. of Jains	% of Jains	No. of Buddhists	% of Buddhists	No. of Parsis	% of Parsis	Minorities Total	% Minorities
1	Delhi Tourism and Transport Development Corp. Ltd.	966	649	9	1. 38	6	0. 92	11	1. 69	1	0. 15	1	0. 15	0	0	28	4. 31
2	Delhi Fire Service	3623	2011	9	0. 447	3	0. 149	13	0. 646	1	0. 049	0	0	0	0	26	1. 292
3	Public Grievance Commission (GNCTD)	35	23	0	0	0	0	01	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	01	3
4	Directorate General of Home Guards	183	109	2	1. 83	2	1. 83	1	0. 92	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4. 58
5	Finance (Accounts) Deptt	973	695	04	0. 58	14	2. 01	09	1. 30	09	1. 30	0	0	0	0	36	5. 18
6	Delhi Police	88823	75681	1269	1. 67	695	0. 91	822	1. 08	09	0. 01	47	0. 06	43	0. 05	2885	3. 81
7	Directorate of Training (UTCS)	64	39	3	7. 69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7. 69
8	Delhi Metro Rail Corp.	12118	12118	351	2. 89	47	0. 38	40	0. 33	32	0. 26	5	0. 04	0	0	475	3. 92

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9	Department for the Welfare of SC/ST/OBC & Minorities	89	61	01	1. 124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	01	1. 123
10	Vigilance Deptt.	[not provided]	[not provided]	01 JSA/LDC	[not provided]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	01	[not provided]
11	North Delhi Municipal Corporation	649	399	9	2. 25	2	0. 5	6	1. 5	1	0. 25	1	0. 25	0	0	19	4. 76
12	Delhi Development Authority	11639	4028	113	2. 8	10	0. 24	50	1. 24	30	0. 74	0	0	0	0	223	5. 53
13	NDMC Dir. Of Inquiries	Not provided	Not provided	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0% (as per the deptt's reply)
14	Factory Licencing Deptt.	19	14	01	0. 14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0. 14
15	Delhi Minorities Commission	12 (+3 in diverted capacity)	11	01	9.09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	01	9.09

Despite repeated reminders, no replies received from the following departments and PSUs: Directorate of Audit, Department of Food and Safety, Revenue Deptt., South Delhi Municipal Corporation, East Delhi Municipal Corporation, New Delhi Municipal Corporation, Delhi Women Commission, Commission for Other Backward Classes.

VISITS & AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

DMC Chairman and Members have visited various outlying areas across NCT of Delhi from time to time to understand problems, interact with people or to speak at conferences, functions and awareness camps. Likewise DMC has held awareness camps in various parts of NCT of Delhi to enlighten minorities about their duties and rights, government schemes and to know their problems. DMC has been holding these camps for the last many years and these are mentioned in DMC annual reports. The authority to hold such camps stems from the mandate of the DMC in the light of the DMC Act 1999 which states, *inter alia*, "The Commission shall perform all or any of the following functions… (e) hold seminars, debates and discussions on problems affecting the Minority Communities of Delhi to raise public awareness." *(DMC Act 1999, chapter III.10 (e), pp. 6-7)*

DMC Chairman, Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan, and Members Shri Kartar Singh Kochhar and Ms. Anastasia Gill, besides experts and representatives of some government departments and banks addressed these gatherings and informed the audience about minority rights and duties, mandate of the Delhi Minorities Commission and its role in solving problems faced by minorities in NCT of Delhi. The awareness camps focused on various schemes for minorities like Central and state governments' scholarships, fee reimbursement, stationery help and various loan schemes. Experts from the Department of SC/ST/OBC/Minorities and other departments were invited to explain various schemes and how to apply for them. During the 2017-18, the last date for the applications for scholarships, fees reimbursements and stationery help was 31 December, 2017. This date was extended by DMC efforts four times and the final date was 10 April, 2018. Later, the Department of SC/ST/OBC/Minorities gave yet another opportunity to the scholarship applicants of the years 2014-15 and 2015-16 who failed to qualify due to lack of or faulty documents. The last date for applications under this relaxation scheme was upto 2 p.m. on 25 June 2018. Lists of faulty applications were uploaded on www.scstwelfare.delhiGovt.nic.in.

Addressing the audiences, DMC Chairman and Members informed audiences that one of the important roles of the Commission is to hear the complaints and petitions regarding the deprivation of rights, safeguard the interests of minority communities and take up such matters with the appropriate authorities for necessary action and redressal. Complaints are taken up either by receiving complaints or *suo motu*. The Commission has powers of a civil court while hearing petitions/complaints.

While interacting with audiences, DMC Chairman and Members laid great emphasis on the importance of education in the present world and urged upon all to pursue the education of their children to the highest levels, seek quality education and benefit from the facilities offered by the government which were not available until recently. They also advised that both girls and boys should be given equal opportunity in the field of

education. The Commission apprised the people about the need for skill development for all who dropped out and could not pursue higher education.

The audiences were also apprised about the scheme of the Government of India regarding Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) applicable to the North East District of Delhi. Efforts of participating NGOs were appreciated as they represent the bridge through which the Commission can reach out to minorities in various areas.

DMC Awareness Camps across Delhi during 1st April 2017 to 30th June 2018

S. No.	Name of implementing NGO	Date &Venue
1	Indian Social Institute	22.01.2018 at Lodhi Road
2	Sadik Masih Medical Social Servant Society	27.01.2018 at Badarpur
3	Shri Yog Abhyas Ashram Trust	29.01.2018 at T-Huts Opp. Mata Sundari Gurudwara
4	Samaj Vikas Samiti	29.01.2108 at Patparganj
5	Society for Social Welfare and Development	30.01.2018 at Kalyanpuri
6	Jan Manas Society,	13.02.18 at Bawana
7	Ujjwal Mahila Vikas Society	15.02.18 at Trilok Puri
8	Chetanalaya	17.02.18 at Bawana
9	Mitter Foundation	20.02.18 at Gadaipur
10	Business and Employment Bureau	21.02.18 at Hamdard Building, Asaf Ali Road
11	Roshan Trust	23.02.18 at Jamia Nagar
12	Chetanalaya	23.02.18 at Shastri Park
13	Indian Social Institute	27.02.18 at St. Xavier's Tech. Instt., Shahabad
14	Chetanalaya	08.03.18 at Sunder Nagri
15	Kriti Foundation	17.03.18 at Bindapur
16	HEAL	18.03.18 at Connaught Place
17	Sadik Masih Medical Social Servant Society	07.04.18 at Sangam Vihar
18	Jan Manas Society	25.04.18 at Nizamuddin
19	Lakshay Child & Women Welfare Association	27.04.18 at Udyog Nagar, Nangloi
20	Ujjwal Mahila Vikas Society	09.05.18 at Mandawli

This is the list of the official awareness camps; there were other unofficial awareness camps organized by NGOs in which DMC representatives participated.

DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar (centre, standing) in group photo at the Awareness camp of Heal NGO at Sacred Heart Church Community Hall, Ashoka Road, on 18 March, 2018

Chairman DMC Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan (centre) speaking at the awareness camp held by Business & Employment Bureau of Hamdard Foundation at Asaf Ali Road on 21 February, 2018. Seated from left to right: Shri Hammad Ahmad, Ms. Anastasia Gill, Dr Khan, Shri Kartar Singh Kochhar and Shri Asim Ahmad Khan, MLA.

Audience at the awareness camp held by Business & Employment Bureau of Hamdard Foundation at Asaf Ali Road on 21 February, 2018.

Audience at the DMC awareness camp held by Roshan NGO at Jogabai, Okhla on 23-2-18

Awareness camp at Sundarnagri held by Chetanalaya on 8 March, 2018

DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar speaking at the awareness camp held by HEAL NGO at Connaught Place on 18 March, 2018

Audience at the awareness camp at Molarbund, Badarpur, on 27 January, 2018

Distribution of clothes by a Sikh organisation at Lakshay camp at Udyog Nagar, Nangloi, on 27 April2018

Anti-Terrorism Day: DMC staff taking oath to fight terrorism on 21 May, 2018

INITIATIVES BY THE COMMISSION

The Commission pays due attention to the problems and state of civic facilities in areas inhabited by the minority communities across NCT of Delhi. Some important issues are as follows:

- Monitoring civic facilities in minority areas;
- Buland Masjid dispensary: monitoring its progress, site inspection, letters to PWD, Distt. Magistrate, North-East and MOMA;
- Queries to departments of education, health, various municipal corporations of NCT of Delhi;
- Revival of a forgotten scheme of a hospital in Okhla;
- Dispensaries in Inderlok and other areas;
- Bawana sewage issue raised with NDMC and DUSIB;
- Problems of Urdu and Punjabi teachers and teaching of Urdu and Punjabi in schools;
- Problems of students at various schools;
- Issues of waqfs, graveyards, cemeteries, dargahs, mosques, gurudwaras and churches;
- Recommendation to the Govt. of NCT of Delhi to establish a Prakrit academy.
- Recommendation to the Govt. of NCT of Delhi to include a Jain and a Buddhist representative as Members of DMC.
- Issue of minority certificates to sons and daughters of minorities seeking admission and loans etc. in various educational and loan schemes.
- Tried to understand why welfare and scholarship schemes are not working properly.

ADVISORY & PEACE COMMITTEES, &EMPANELLED NGOs

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Commission mostly retained the previously constituted advisory committees for each designated minority community (Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Jains and Buddhists). The current Commission has added new members to all these committees. However, there is no advisory committee yet for the Parsi community because despite our efforts no suitable Parsi person could be located in NCT of Delhi who would join the advisory committee on the community. Of late, DMC has been able to make contacts with the Parsi Anjuman in Delhi and, hopefully, soon DMC will have a Parsi advisory committee as well.

> "Any member of any of DMC advisory committees is free to print his/her visiting card showing that he/she is a member of a particular advisory committee. But such members are not allowed, as per law, to print the national Ashok symbol. The card should be used legally and judiciously" (*from a reply by the Chairman DMC to a query by a member of an advisory committee - 16-5-18*).

There is a fair representation from various walks of life and professions as well as community leaders in these advisory committees. They keep the Commission apprised of issues affecting communities and try to solve minority problems on their own.

Regular meetings of, and interactions with, advisory committees, groups and delegations are held to know the problems of the communities and also to convey to them the message of communal harmony, facilities offered by the state and the role of the Commission in solving legitimate problems of minority communities.

PEACE COMMITTEE

In its endeavour to maintain communal harmony during sensitive events, the Commission has constituted a Peace Committee consisting of representatives from all six notified minority communities as well as the majority community. The current Commission retained the previous committee with some additions.

The Advisory and Peace Committees members have been issued letters and will soon receive identity cards for smooth coordination with the authorities to help needy minority people.

EMPANELLED NGOS

The current Commission has retained all the previously empanelled NGOs and has also accepted new applications from eligible NGOs. Empanelled NGOs organize awareness

camps among minorities with financial help from DMC. They can also participate in tenders for studies commissioned by DMC.

The Minority Committee of the Delhi Legislative Assembly advised DMC to co-opt two NGOs from each constituency. As a result, letters were sent to all the 72 Delhi MLAs to nominate two NGOs from their constituencies. They were also asked to nominate persons of integrity and concern for minorities in their constituencies for the membership of the Peace and community advisory committees of the DMC. Some MLAs have responded with their nominations.

NGOs help DMC reach minority communities in their areas and also arrange awareness camps on behalf of DMC where scope and vision of DMC as well minority rights and various schemes of the Central and state governments for minorities are explained and people are asked to approach DMC for the redressal of their genuine problems and complaints.

NCT of Delhi-based NGOs, willing to be empanelled, should apply on their letterhead attaching self-attested copies of their registration, three years' audit reports and three years' activities report in addition to identity proofs of their main functionaries like Aadhaar or voter cards.

At present 43 NGOs are empanelled with DMC. Here is list of the NGOs currently empanelled with the DMC:

Sr.	Names& Addresses of NGOs	Contact Nos.
1.	Chetanalaya Fr. Savari Raj (Director) Email: chetanalya@gmail.com 910, Bhai Vir Singh Marg, New Delhi-110011	011-23347506 011-23744308
2.	DCVS Dr. D. K Pandey Email: dcvsngo049@yahoo.com E-25, Ground Floor, Street No. 18, Madhuvihar, I.P. Extension, Delhi-110092.	9212704840
3.	Abhivyakti Foundation Shri Shailendra Kumar Singh (General Secretary) Email: abhivyaktifoundation_2000@yahoo.co.in 403-404, Dreamland 1/18-3, Asaf Ali Road, opp. Kamla Market, New Delhi-110002.	9868035848 9213219565
4.	Delhi Brotherhood Society Shri R. K. Mishra 7 Court Lane, Delhi-110054.	9350295303
5.	Allama Rafiq Trust Shri Maqsood Ahmad (Secretary) 772-1 & 2nd Floor, Community Centre, Sulwalan, Daryaganj, New Delhi-110002.	9313625476

6.	Operational Research and Development Services Dr. Ashad Ali Email: Asad.ali78@gmail.com 318, Wadhwa Complex, D-288-89/10, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092.	8800967584
7.	Jeewan Anmol Trust of India Mary Nagarajan Email: jeevananmol@yahoo.com Divya Jyoti Apartment, C-117, Sector-19, Rohini, Delhi.	9818432879 9250142899
8.	Social Pride Welfare Society Dr. M. Kamal Ahmad (President), Email: drkamalahmad@yahoo.com B-49, Ist Floor, Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025.	9999890926
9.	Sofia Educational Welfare Society President: Shri Sohail Khan 73, Street No. 9, Main Brijpuri Road, Old Mustafabad, Delhi-110094.	9540060606
10.	Young Women's Christian Association President: Ms. Geetha Josep Chacko Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.	011-23362779 011-23362975
11.	Mahilayen Pragati Ki Ore President: Smt. Usha Nishchal Email: nischalusha@gmail.com S-1/177, Old Mahavir Nagar, PO-Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018.	9212002405 9999705042
12.	Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti President: Acharya Lokesh Muni Email: acharya@ahimsavishwabharti.org 63/1, Old Rajendra Nagar, Near Karol Bagh Metro Station, New Delhi-110060.	9313833222
13.	Sadik Masih Medical Social Servant Society Shri Vinay K. Stephen (GeneralSecretary) Email: smmsss@gamil.com Block No. 9, Basti Vikas Kendra, Trilokpuri, New Delhi-110091.	9811025437 9868948348
14.	Asian Centre for Organization Research & Development Prof. MDG Koreth (Chairman) Email: acordasia.org 166, LGF, Pocket-2, Jasola, New Delhi-110025.	011-26714495
15.	Jan Manas Society Shri Sayed Hasan Akbar (President) Email: janmanasngo@yahoo.com T-661, Street No. 10, Gautam Puri, Delhi-110053.	9911166900
16.	Livelihood Initiatives for Empowerment Smt. Chitra Iyer (Director) B-606 Satyam Apartment, Plot No. 5, Sector-18 A Dwarka, New Delhi-110075.	9811174320
17.	Dr. Hahnemann Education Development Society Dr. M. Q Nayyar (Gen. Secretary) C-167 Welcome, Seelampur-IV, Delhi-110053.	9910285448 9312325694

18.	KDS Kerala Development Society Shri Jacob John (Director) Email: kdsnrlg@yahoo.in 811-A, T. C. Jaina Tower-I, Janakpuri District Centre, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058.	9811204487 9818780833
19.	Ujjwal Mahila Vikas Society Smt. Jahanaara (President) B-69 A, Kh-388/263, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110096.	9810162248 9899646393
20.	Jain Utthan Sangh Smt. Satya Prabha (President) Email: satyaprabha_januttansangh@yahoo.com Flat No. 1537, Sector-A, Pkt.3, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070.	9810161339 011-23074115
21.	Samaj Vikas Samiti Shri Nasir Malik (President) E-20 B/100, Jawahar Mohalla, Partapganj, New Delhi-110091.	9811904915
22.	Shri Maa Sharda Rashtriya Sewa Samiti Acharya Ram Gopal Dixit (President) F-40 A, 2nd Floor, St. No. 7, Mangal Bazar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092.	9868033643 9958003643
23	Society for Social Welfare and Development Shri Muhammad Mohsin (Secretary) Email: socialmohshin@gmail.com J-3-80, 2nd Floor, Krishan Kunj Extn., Laxmi Nagar Delhi-110092	08265843721
24	Pushpinder Singh Memorial Trust Smt. Anoop Mohini (Trustee) M-103 Greater Kailash Part-I New Delhi-110048	011-25883865
25	Mitter Foundation Shri Sarabjeet Singh (President) Email: mitterfoundation@yahoo.com 127-128, A-Block Street No-2 Chattarpur Enclave Phase-I Maidan Garhi Road, New Delhi-110074	9810137506
26	Mata Beant Kaur Shri Paramjit Singh Khurana (President) Email: matabeantkaur.ewa@gmail.com WZ-572F, Naraina near Naraina Club, New Delhi-110028	9891228811, 9717228811
27	Indian Social Institute Dr. Denzil Fernades (Executive Director) 10, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003	011- 49534000/125/ 126
28	Akhil Bhartiya Arise Foundation Shri Pratham Mittal (Chief Executive) Email: prathammittal@outlook.com 29-B, Lane-7, East Azad Nagar, Krishana Nagar, Delhi-110051	9868370325, 9953481661
29	Jan Kalayan Mahila Samiti Smt. Mehrunissa (President) Community Centre DDA Flats, Turkman Gate, Asaf Ali Road Delhi-110006	011-23282893, 011-23230549, 9350153298
30	Roshan Trust NGO Shri Musharraf Hussain (Chairman) Email: Husain.musharraf@gmail.com 122 Street no. 1 Zakir Nagar, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025	9213413292, 011-26986122

31	Institute of Objective Studies Shri Abdul Majeed (Coordinator) Email: ios.newdelhi@gmail.com 162 Jogabai Main Road, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025	011-26987467, 011-26981187
32	Business and Employment Bureau Shri Shaukat Mufti (Executive Secretary) Email: bebdelhi@gmail.com Hamdard Building 2A/A-3, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi-110002	011-23239801- 04
33	Shri Yog Abhyas Ashram Trust Shri Rajeev Jolly Khosla (National Secretary) Yogeshwar Devi Dyal Mahamandir A-777 Block-08, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018	011-40000777 9811970394
34.	Kriti Foundation Plot No. 251, Block B, Sector-19, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075. Email: kritifoundation@gmail.com	011-28041286, 9810271122
35	Bethesda Charitable Endeavors Shri K. Pramod Kumar (Director) 462,S/F, Indra Vihar Dr. Mukerjee Marg, Delhi-110009	9560872878 9958516682
36	Heal NGO Grace Saxena (Director) 19/15 G/F Old Rajender Nagar, New Delhi-110060	9811792172
37	Women Society Regd. Smt. Sudha (President) 632, Gali Robin Cinema, Subzi Mandi Clock Tower, Delhi-110007	9212344757
38	Aakansha Samiti Shri Balvant Singh (Secretary) E-437, Raghubir Nagar, New Delhi-110027	9718501391
39	Koushki Social Welfare and Environment Society Shri Dilip Tiwari (Secretary) RZ-D-1, A Block, H. No. 136/A Gali No. 5, Mahavir Enclave Part-1, Palam, New Delhi-45	9393376072 9826358600
40	Action for Community Development Trust Smt. Kavita Thampy (Founder Trustee) 9-D, Hindustan Times Apartments, Mayur Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110091.	9717472228
41	The Muneer Social Welfare Society Rt. Rev. Dr. Asad Masih (Executive Secretary) B-18, S/F, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi – 10008	9810572049 9434020764
42	International Awakening Centre Chairman: Shri Majaz Munger 110-G, Pocket A/3, Mayur Vihar Phase III, New Delhi 110 096	9718854126 8800914190
43	Lakshay Child & Women Welfare Association Ms. Shobha Chowdhary (National President) GN-14/722, Paschim Vihar, Delhi 110087	921390996 9810004528

DMC Members and leaders of various religious communities release the DMC publication, Delhi Minorities Commission: Vision, Mandate & Schemes *during the U. N. Minority Rights Day on 20 December, 2017 (Photo by Imran Ahmad Ansari)*

DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar (fourth from left) in an awareness camp held by Mitter Foundation at Govind Puri, New Delhi on 7 December 2017.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

U.N. MINORITIES RIGHTS DAY

UN Minorities Rights Day was celebrated on 20 December, 2017 at the India Islamic Cultural Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. Chairman and Members of DMC conducted and spoke at the event. In addition to cultural items, a number of speakers shed light on minority rights and laws in the Indian and international contexts and the situation of human rights in India. People from both minority and majority communities took part in the conference as speakers and audience.

A team of Sikh religious singers presented couplets from Guru Granth Saheb including one which said, "First of all, Allah created light," while teams from Church offered carols in anticipation of Christmas which was only days away. A team of students from Jafarabad's Dr Zakir Husain Memorial Higher Secondary School sang Iqbal's "*Saare jahaan se achcha Hindustaan hamaara*".

Noted advocate and human rights activist, Salar Khan (*since dead)* spoke on the Indian laws on minorities and compared them with foreign laws. He said our minority laws are better than all foreign laws for minorities. He said minorities are part of any nation's beauty and strength. Christian scholar, Vinod CV, spoke about violations of minority rights in India. Citing anti-Sikh riots of 1984, Gujarat riots of 2002, Kandhamal riots of 2007 and the recent anti-Christian violence at Satna, he said our country is yet to do a lot to safeguard minorities. Prof. ZM Khan, a retired professor of political science, spoke on human rights in India with focus on Indian Muslims. Sikh scholar, Sardar Harpal Singh, emphasized that in addition to rights, minorities have duties also which are neglected.

Other speakers shed light on various scholarships and loans schemes offered by the Central and Delhi State governments to minorities. Shields were presented to representatives of various religions in appreciation of their services to the minorities in NCT of Delhi.

On this occasion a new publication of DMC, *Delhi Minorities Commission: Vision, Mandate & Schemes* (78 pages), was released. It offers information about the background and mandate of DMC in addition to various government schemes for minorities.

DMC Members meet Delhi Police Commissioner Shri Amulya Patnaik in his office on 7 December, 2017

Delhi Minority Commission Chairman & Members meeting with the Chairman and Members of National Commission for Minorities on 5 September, 2017

SEMINARS

Discussion on Muslim-Christian relations: A delegation of Vidya Jyoti College students and teachers, led by Fr. Victor Edwin SJ, visited DMC on 30 August, 2017. It held discussions with DMC Chairman Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan and Members Kartar Singh Kochhar and Ms. Anastasia Gill. Dr Khan delivered a lecture on this occasion on the historical and religious perspectives of Muslim-Christian relations.

Discussion on freedom fighters: A seminar and public discussion was held at the conference room of DMC on 26 December, 2017 about freedom fighters on the birthday anniversary of the freedom fighter Udham Singh at the initiative of Shri Yog Abhyas Ashram Trust, an NGO empanelled with DMC. Guests included Prof. Bhim Singh, patron of Panthers Party. DMC Chairman Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan and Commission Member Kartar Singh Kochhar participated and spoke during this discussion. A book on freedom fighters by the Telugu writer Syed Naseer Ahamed was also released during this seminar.

Book on freedom fighters being released at DMC programme on freedom fighters

DMC Chairman interacting with Imams' delegation at DMC conference hall on 4 October, 2017

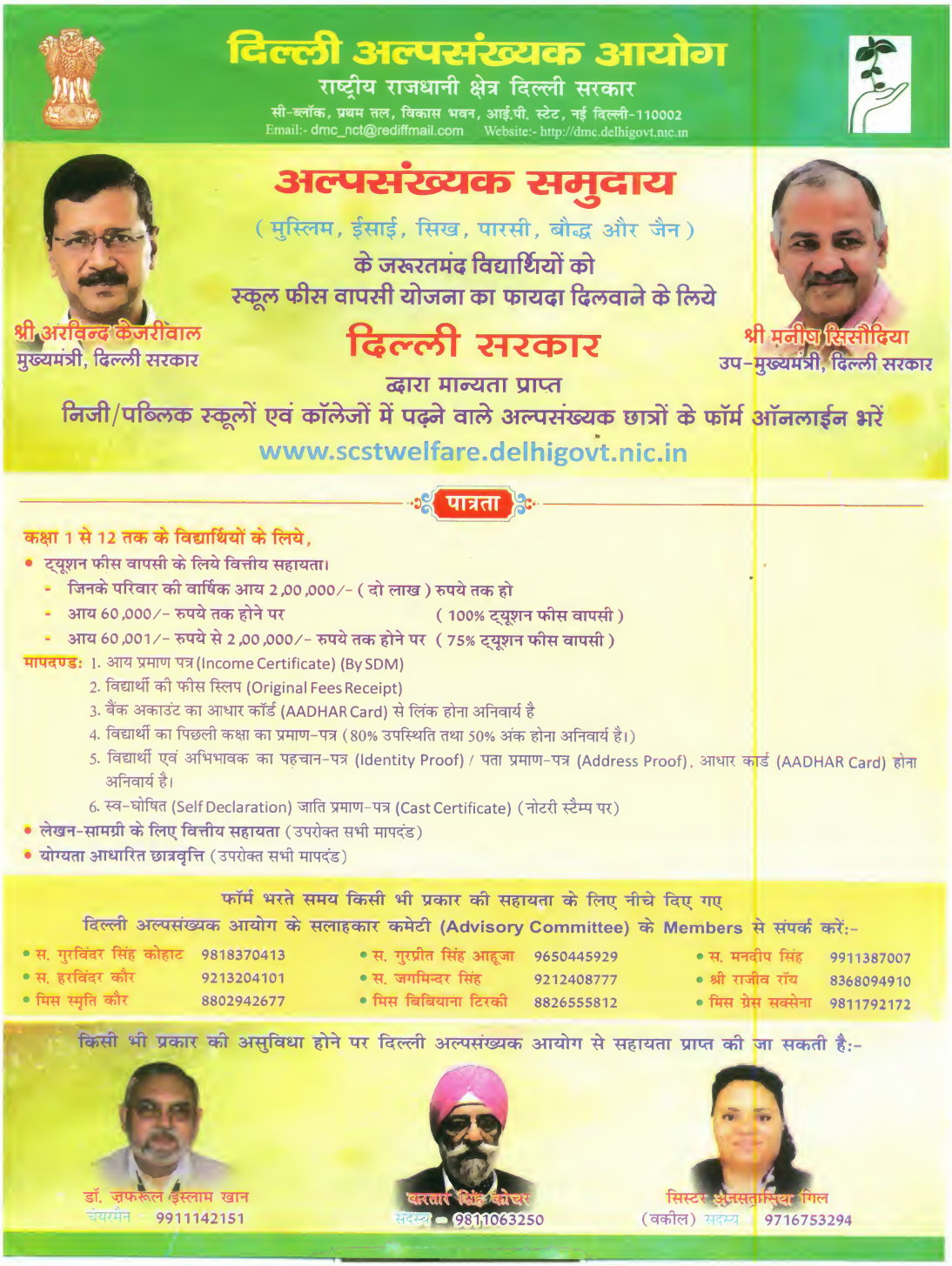
Dr Khan presenting a memento to Acharya Lokesh Muni (centre) on 20-12-17. DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar is on the right.

DMC Members Kartar Singh Kochhar and Anastasia Gill at an awareness camp at Sacred Heart Cathedral, New Delhi on 21-1-2018

Christian awareness committee meeting at Delhi Secretariat hall on 28-3-2018

Jasbir Singh Bajaj,IAS, Principal Commissioner, Tamil Nadu House in New Delhi, with Kartar Singh Kochhar, DMC Member alongwith Mandeep Singh Chhatwal and Devinder Singh Sawhney, both members of DMC's Sikh advisory committee (25-1-18)

DMC supported Delhi Commission for Women chairperson Swati Maliwal's campaign #Rape Roko. DMC Member speaking during visit of the protest venue on 17-4-2018. DMC Chairman Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan is sitting at extreme right.



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Leaflets distributed during an awareness camps organized by DMC

A GLIMPSE OF THE WORK OF THE PRESENT COMMISSION

The current Commission received, or registered *suo motu,* a total of 137 cases from 20 July, 2017 to 25 June, 2018. This does not represent the actual number of cases as some cases of similar nature were placed in a single file like Urdu/Punjabi teachers issues, assessment of government schemes, awareness camps, scholarships etc.

In the interim period between the last and the new Commission (1 April – 19 July, 2017), the Commission had registered nine complaints. Thus during the period covered by the current Annual Report, the Commission dealt with 146 complaints which may be classified as follows:

S. No.	Department	Total
1.	DSSSB	1
2.	Delhi Police/NCC/CRPF/Tihar Jail	63
3.	Education/CBSE/JNU/DU/scholarships	35
4.	MCD/DDA/Land & Bldg/DUSIB/PWD	20
5.	Delhi Jal Board	3
6.	Health	4
7.	MTNL	1
8.	Services Department	1
9.	Revenue	1
11.	Delhi Metro Rail Corporation	1
12.	Loan Deptt. Sector16, Rohini	1
13.	Delhi Waqf Board	3
14.	Media (Zee/Sudarshan TV)	2
15.	Miscl.	10
	Total	**146**

SOME IMPORTANT COMPLAINTS/PETITIONS

On taking over the charge on 20 July, 2017, the Commission found nine files pending from the previous Commission whose tenure had ended on 3 March, 2017. It also found six pending files opened after the end of the tenure of the previous Commission. All the pending files were expeditiously disposed of except one file on a complaint of a Muslim lady alleging harassment by her neighbours.

In addition, the new Commission also found (1) draft of the unpublished DMC Annual Report—2016-17; (2) a draft study on Muslim graveyards in Delhi commissioned by the previous Commission; (3) a draft study on Christian cemeteries in Delhi commissioned by the previous Commission and (4) A proposal to commission a study on the socio-cultural-educational status of Muslim women in Delhi's North-East District.

The annual report for 2016-17 was duly published and presented to Shri Anil Kejriwal, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Govt. of NCT of Delhi on 24 November, 2017. It was also sent to various departments and made available to all members of the Delhi Legislative Assembly and to mediapersons as well as to some members of the advisory committees of the Commission.

The reports on Muslim graveyards and Christian cemeteries were edited and made ready for publication by October 2017 but could be published only in August 2018 due to bureaucratic hurdles beyond the control of the three Members of the Commission. Now that these have been published, copies will be made available to all concerned departments and community organisations in order to properly plan to meet the challenges faced by the Muslim and Christian communities as a result of scarcity of space for burial due to various reasons which are elaborated in the reports and a summary is found in this report.

Due to some technical problems with the earlier technical bid and bureaucratic hurdles, the study on Muslim women in North-East district of NCT of Delhi could not be started until now. A fresh technical-cum-financial tender will be floated in the near future.

Following is a glimpse of some important cases and issues dealt with by the Commission during the period under review:

COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE

A majority of complaints received by the Commission were by citizens about the behaviour of Delhi Police, its misuse of powers and refusal to file cases and register FIRs or to act upon FIRs once same was registered. Delhi Police is also the only government department which did not take DMC notices seriously and required much prodding before some results were obtained. In some cases, like threats to the social activist Shabnam Hashmi and non-registration of a case by the Sadar Bazar Police Station in a case of assault on a Muslim, DMC received satisfactory replies from Police. In both these cases, culprits were caught and cases were registered against them. A number of other cases are still pending due to insufficient replies received or because in some cases no reply has been received. Such cases are being pursued by DMC. In some cases stern strictures were passed against some police officers leading to action against them by the police authorities.

Alleged assault on inmates in Tihar Jail: DMC registered a *suo motu* case against Tihar Jail regarding an alleged assault on 47 inmates of Jail 3 in the morning of 14 September, 2017 by the Tamil Nadu State Police (TSP) and the Quick Response Team (QRT). The reply of the Jail administration was not found satisfactory but it was not pursued since the case is *sub-judice* in Delhi High Court.

Jamia Millia students' complaint against NCC: DMC took *suo motu* cognisance of the complaint of ten students of Jamia Millia Islamia who went for training at NCC HQ in Delhi where they were directed to shave their beards, which they refused. As a result, they were expelled from the camp. NCC HQ replied that the said decision was as per the existing rules. In a later communication, NCC said these rules follow the rules of the Armed Forces. NCC has been advised to review its rules which are not part of any Act of Parliament but are rules for cadets dated 6-6-2013 set by Directorate General of NCC. DMC said in its reply, these internal rules make two basic exemptions, *viz*. (1) "Pagri" is allowed; (2) Sikh cadets are allowed long beards with the condition that is must be properly tied. Both these rules pertain to the Sikh community which believes it to be part of its religion although not all Sikhs wear Pagris and not all Sikhs keep beards. Likewise, Islam also requires Muslims to keep beard although not all Muslims follow this rule but it still is part of their religion and some feel strongly about it like the Jamia Millia cadets who preferred not to take part in the NCC training when asked to shave their beards. Hence, DMC opinion is that NCC should relax these rules and allow Muslims also to sport beards" *(27-3-18).*Directorate General of NCC replied to DMC on 4 June, 2018 after getting directions of the Ministry of Defence: "that NCC follows dress regulations as laid down for Indian Armed Forces. Para 665 of Regulations for the Army clearly lays down how non-Sikh personnel are to look after growth and dressing of hair including beard. Also Para 425 of the Regulations for the Indian Air Force 1964, lays down the policy governing the growth of hair for the Air Force personnel. A similar policy letter dated 6.6.2013 has been issued by DGNCC which states that all other boy cadets (other than Sikh cadets), who have facial hair will be clean shaven. The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide Order dated 15.12.2016 in Civil Appeal No. 8643 of 2009 in the matter of Corporal Md. Zubair *vs.* UOI had upheld the dismissal of an Air Force personnel for keeping beard and had held that a member of the Air Force is required to abide by the discipline of the Force including regulations and policies in regard to personal appearance. Hence, the policy dated 6.6.2013 laid down by the NCC is in order and no interference is called for as the said policy does not discriminate against religious beliefs and the object is to instill cohesiveness and discipline".

Police officer's alleged misbehaviour with senior leader: In October, 2017 a police officer had allegedly misbehaved with a senior BJP leader and former head of Haj Committee India, Shri Tanveer Ahmad, when he arrived at a Ramlila event as the chief guest at the invitation of the organisers. A complaint was lodged with Delhi Police but, despite reminders, no action was taken. Shri Suresh Srivastava, a friend of Tanvir Ahmad and a former national coordinator of BJP, complained to Delhi Minorities Commission which, in turn, wrote to the Delhi Police Commissioner on 29 January, 2018 about this

sad event at the hands of a police officer and asked for action on the earlier complaint. When no reply was received from the PC, a reminder was sent but no reply was received. Thereafter DMC Chairman wrote to Shri Anil Baijal, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, on 14 May, 2018. Shri Baijal replied to the Chairman DMC on 21 May saying that he has "asked Commissioner of Police, Delhi to look into the matter for appropriate action."In the meantime, Shri Suresh Srivastava had approached Shri Syed Ghayural Hasan, Hon'ble Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities, who also wrote to the PC. Finally, PC replied to Chairman NCM on 26 June, 2018 that action has been taken against the two erring police officers. Action was taken against the officer on the ground and also against the SHO Keshavpuram who failed to take action on the complaint filed by the organisers of the event. But no action was taken against two civilians who started the ruckus in the first place. Chairman DMC has written to the PC to take action against these two persons also who were named in the first complaint lodged by the organisers at Keshavpuram PS.

Action against police officer: Nandnagri SHO, Vipin Kumar Sharma, was the SHO of New Usmanpur police station where he allegedly intervened in the offering of religious rituals by a Jain citizen, intimidated him and allegedly abused his religion. The said citizen complained to the DMC which sent numerous notices to the said officer to reply to the allegations made against him but he did not reply to any. Later, the Commission held a number of hearings but the said officer did not attend any of them while the complainant punctually attended all hearings. Later, the area DCP was informed about the said officer's behaviour and he (DCP) instructed the said officer to attend the next hearing but he still failed to do so. This led the Commission to pass strictures against him. Holding him guilty of insulting a statutory authority, the Commission ordered the DCP North East to hold a departmental enquiry about this officer and record the same in his service record. The Commission asked the DCP to send compliance report within one month. At the same time the Commission ordered the area police to ensure that the concerned Jain citizen performs his religious rituals with full freedom (*1-6-18).*

Notice to Delhi Police Inspector Keshav Kumar at the complaint of a Muslim citizen of Welcome, Shahadra: The said officer did not reply to the DMC notices and did not attend the hearing in the case. DMC took a serious note of this behaviour and issued an order for departmental enquiry against him. As a result, DCP of 3rd Battalion issued a show cause notice to the said officer to explain his "gross misconduct, negligence, carelessness and dereliction in the discharge of his official duties." The said officer has to reply to the show cause notice within 15 days, failing which it will be assumed that he has nothing to say in his defence, the show-cause notice said (*28-5-18).*

Threats to activist Shabnam Hashmi: DMC took up the matter of threats over mobile phone received by the social activist Shabnam Hashmi by a person claiming to be police officer of Lajpat Nagar Police Station and that he has the authority to kill people in "encounters". DCP South East informed DMC that a case has been filed against the said impersonator (Harinder Malik) U/S 419/506/509 IPC and the impersonator was produced before Ld. MM, Saket. The court case is in progress.

Attack on madrasa teachers in Rohini distt.: Two madrasa teachers, namely Molvi Irshad Rahmani and Molvi Gufran were abused, attacked and beaten up by three youth riding a motorbike at 4:40 pm on or around 30-11-2017 at Pooth Barwala Road while going to Pooth Khurd. DCP Rohini Distt informed the DMC that an FIR u/s 323/341/506/34IPC was registered at PS Bawana on 30-11-2017 but no clues could be found about the accused and "sincere efforts are being made to arrest the accused persons" *(23-3-2018).*

Attack on imam of mosque in Bawana: DMC took *suo motu* notice and sought report of North Distt DCP about the attack by some miscreants on Maulana Aftab Ahmad, imam of a mosque in Bawana, in the night of 8 April, 2018 while he travelling by bus. He was abused, slapped and forced to chant some Hindutva slogans. The victim reported to police after midnight and had to spend the night in the police station due to lack of transport (*12-4-2017).* The case continues.

Good work of Police –letter of appreciation by Chairman DMC to Delhi Police Commissioner: "I wish to communicate to you and to the SHO, New Friends Colony, my appreciation at the efficient handling of P. S. New Friends Colony of the complaint filed by a driver hired by Delhi Minorities Commission on 08-09-2017. The complaint was investigated efficiently, the errant driver was located, case filed, and the offender was fined and his driving licence was suspended for some time. All this happened in about 10 days from the filing of the complaint, which is praiseworthy. I hereby commend your staff at P. S. New Friends Colony and hail their efficiency. I hope this behaviour becomes a normal practice within the force so that general public starts looking at our men and women in *khaki* as friends and protectors" (*25-9-2017).*

Appreciation of good work by Police – Chairman DMC's letter of appreciation to Shri Sanjay Kumar, SHO, Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi: "I have read in newspapers about your leadership qualities and presence of mind which saved a living person from being cremated while still alive. Your humane gesture of rushing the would-be victim to hospital in the nick of time is highly commendable. I thank you for your presence of mind and high sense of duty. We need many officers like you in the force so that it may regain its humane and sympathetic face" *(26-12-2017).*

Appreciation of good work by Police – Chairman DMC's letter of appreciation to Shri Kuldeep Dwivedi, SSP Ranchi, Jharkhand: "I read about your extraordinary action to help a citizen who was left stranded in Ranchi due to traffic jam but could still fly to Delhi thanks to your initiative. I thank you for your leadership qualities, good human nature and right upbringing. The destiny and face of our country will change if we have many officers like you in the police force. I salute you and hope that others in the force and outside will learn from your example" *(26-12-2017).*

Appreciation of good work by police – Chairman DMC's letter of appreciation to Shri B. S. Yadav, Superintendent, Hardoi Jail, U.P.: "I have read a report that due to your leadership and initiative, four children living with their jailed parents are going to

school. This is a very commendable gesture for which we thank you and consider you as an example of a humane and conscientious officer. If these and similar children require any help in terms books, stationery and uniform etc., please let me know and I will try to help in my personal capacity. My mobile no. is 9811142151 and email id is zik@zik.in. With best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year to you, your family and staff members" *(2-1-2018).*

Letter of appreciation to the brave Police officer Shri Gagandeep Singh, Sub-Inspector, Ram Nagar Police Station, Ramnagar, Distt. Nainital 244715: "I and millions of the citizens of our country have been deeply moved by your sense of duty and bravery in protecting and rescuing a Muslim youngster who had accompanied a girl to a temple in your area. I highly commend and salute your deed of bravery. You are a role model for our people, especially police officers, who take their responsibilities seriously and discharge their duties at their own physical risk. I wish you all the best and hope a bright and successful future for you in the police force and society. May your tribe increase!" *(31-5-2018).*

Sub-Inspector Gagandeep Singh protecting a Muslim youth from the mob in Ramnagar, Nainital on 22 May, 2019

COMPLAINTS AGAINST GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

DDA: One long-pending case against DDA was solved regarding land for a Christian Memorial Centre when DDA agreed to consider the proposed memorial if a proper application is made.

Property dispute: Abdul Nasir *vs.* DDA was closed by DMC for lack of competence to decide a complicated land dispute and the complainant was advised to approach a competent court.

Reservation for minorities in DDA schemes: Another *suo motu* case relates to reservation for minorities in DDA housing schemes. In this case, DDA said that it is studying the matter. DMC had asked: why there is no reservation for minorities in the "DDA Awasiya Yojna 2017" published in newspapers on 1-12-2017. Both Prime Minister's 15-point programme and Sachar Report say that minorities should have a proper share in housing schemes.

Cases against DSUIB: Three cases were filed against Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DSUIB), out of which two concerned allotment of flats to oustees from shanties. One was found ineligible while the other failed to present any of the required documents to press his entitlement though it was found that the demand was excessive like insisting on proof that the oustee's child was studying in a government school when proof of studying in any recognized school should be sufficient. A third case of rehabilitation of Old Delhi's Sarai Khaleel residents uprooted on 15th May, 1967 (during Emergency)is still pending. The DSUIB has assured that it will rehabilitate any genuine oustee who was not rehabilitated if details and documents are provided. By the time of the preparation of this report, the complainants were yet to present the required list with documents and proofs. If received, the Commission will take up their case with DSUIB.

Mass closure of meat shops: Cases registered against East Delhi and North Delhi municipal corporations regarding mass closure of meat shops were closed on assurance that the action is being taken only against shops without valid licences and that such shops have the right to reopen after renewing their licences. Meat shops closed due to violations are also given chance to rectify and renew their licences after paying a small fine.

Chicken shop in Mandawli: Soni Shabnam, a lady of Mandawli, acquired a shop in Allah Colony of the area to start a chicken and fish shop but some people in the area with the alleged connivance of local police did not allow her to start her business. On Delhi Minorities Commission intervention, she was able to undertake required changes in the shop, acquire a water connection as well as a licence from the municipality to start her business but still some locals with alleged police connivance did not allow her to start her business. Taking a serious view of this prolonged matter, DMC Chairman wrote to DCP East to help the lady to start her business after she has acquired a licence. Chairman further said that stern action will be taken against any police officer "found responsible for obstructing the right of a citizen to carry out her legitimate business. "

Ghazipur slaughter house: A delegation of Delhi Meat Merchants Association met DMC Chairman on 18-3-18 to explain and register their complaint against inadequacy of slaughtering arrangements in Delhi. They alleged that an 80-acre land was allotted to the Ghazipur slaughter house but the actual slaughtering area was built on only 4-5 acres and rest of the land consists of the landfill and roads etc. A large area has been unnecessarily converted into a parking lot. There are only two platforms for slaughtering with a capacity of only 3-4 thousand animals per day while Delhi's requirement is around

20,000 per day. There is no arrangement for emergency slaughtering in Ghazipur. Notices were sent to East, South and North MCDs. Copies of replies were sent to the Delhi Meat Merchants Association on 31-5-18. They are yet to file their rejoinder. The case continues.

Delhi Metro: A *suo motu* case was registered against Delhi Metro for erroneous naming of "Okhla Vihar" Station on Magenta Metro line in Jamia Nagar/Okhla despite the fact that Okhla Vihar is far away from the site of the said station while another residential and older colony (Abul Fazal Enclave) adjacent to the station is more eligible. Delhi Metro said a committee decides on these matters. It has been asked to put the case before the said committee (*1-1-18).*

Revival of hospital project: DMC successfully intervened in the case of a proposed, yet forgotten, hospital project in Okhla area. General Health Services Directorate revived the project and informed DMC that a consultant has is being appointed and that the strength of the hospital has been raised from 100 to 300 beds under MPD 2021 (*7-11-2017).* DMC continues to monitor this project.

Aadhaar finger-prints mismatch solved for thousands: Muhammad Samiuddin (*left)*, a resident of Badarpur in South Delhi, was denied ration and old-age pension for months because his finger-prints did not match his Aadhaar card. He went from post to pillar but no one entertained his complaint. At last Delhi Minorities Commission, taking cognisance of a report in *Mail Today* issue of 8-4-2018, issued a notice to the Aadhaar Authority (UIDAI) main office at Pragati Maidan and to the Foods Supply Department to find a solution for this elderly man's problem. As a result, UIDAI issued orders to both food supply and pension departments to resume Muhammad Samiuddin's benefits and accept any alternative identity proof in such cases. This has not only solved Samiuddin's problem but also the problem of thousands like him across the country who are facing difficulties to access welfare schemes due to mismatch of their fingerprints with that of their Aadhaar cards. (*DMC is supplying copies of these orders to anyone on demand)*

F. No A-22011/24/2012/UIDAI (RO-Delhi)
Government of India
Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology
Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)
Regional Office-Delhi

Ground Floor, Pragati Maidan Metro Station,
New Delhi- 110001

Dated: 21st May, 2018

To,

The Secretary
Department of Social Welfare
Govt. of GNCT of Delhi
GLNS Complex, Delhi Gate
New Delhi-110002

Sub: Notice served u/s 10(h) of DMC Act 1999.

Sir

It is informed that this office has received Notice served u/s 10(h) of DMC Act 1999 from Delhi Minorities Commission in respect of Sh. Samiuddin, Badarpur regarding him being denied of ration and pension due to fault in his Aadhaar Card.

2. It has been verified by this office that his Aadhaar is active

3. It is requested to kindly confirm whether pension is being provided to Sh. Samiuddin or not.

4. Further, it is informed that beneficiaries shall be provided subsidy, benefit or service based on alternate identification document as notified in the relevant notifications issued under the provisions of Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act, 2016. Various Exception Management orders have been issued in this regard from time to time by various Govt. Organizations which are enclosed for your ready reference

Encl. As Above.

Thanking you.

(Kumar Rakesh Sinha)
Assistant Director Gen

Aadhaar authority order to accept alternate authentication in cases where there is problem in authentication via Aadhaar (copies of more orders available from DMC)

Polyclinic in Inderlok – letter to Shri Satyendar Jain, Hon'ble Minister of Health, Govt. of NCT of Delhi: "The Resident Welfare Association (Regd.)of Tulsi Nagar & DDA Flats, Inderlok, Delhi-110035 is desirous that a Polyclinic be established in its area. This will help thousands of poor people of the area who cannot afford private medical care and have to travel about 15 kms to get treatment at a government hospital due to lack of government medical facility in the area. They have also identified a two-storey building belonging to the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board in the area which is lying vacant for the last 30 years as they say. I am attaching a copy of their application

and photos of the vacant building where the polyclinic facility may be started. Kindly look into the matter and take appropriate action at the earliest" *(27-10-2017).*

Directorate of Health Projects responded to DMC intervention regarding a popular demand from people of the area to open a polyclinic in Inderlok area, that new polyclinics have been sanctioned in NCT of Delhi, including one for Inderlok area, by converting the existing DGD into a polyclinic, which will be attached to Deep Chand Bandhu Hospital in Ashok Vihar. DMC has asked Directorate of Health Projects why these polyclinics are not functional yet despite the decision being taken two years ago vide Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Health & Family Welfare Department order dated 7-1-16 by converting the existing DGD into a polyclinic *(17-4-18).*

Delhi Govt.Muslim employees offering Friday prayers: Akhil Dilli Prathmik Shikshak Sangh complained that Muslim teachers of second shifts in Delhi Government schools are not allowed time to offer congregational Friday prayers. These teachers have given the DMC a copy of the Union Home Ministry's order No. 32/13/53-Public issued on 18 January, 1954 and signed by D. Natarajan, Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, which says that "this Ministry is of the opinion that there should be uniformity in regard to the grant of leave to Muslim employees for 'Jumma' prayers in all Government owned workshops and installations. It is, therefore, considered that the practice followed in large railway workshops and in the factories under the Ministry of Production, should be adopted for Military Installations also, *viz.* the workers may be allowed absence of one hour for offering their prayers on Fridays but the wages deducted for the actual period of absence of the workmen concerned. If the time allowed for prayers is preceded by or succeeded by official lunch interval, wages should not be cut for the period of lunch interval. " The note contains the following at the end "Copy forwarded to other Ministries for information and guidance. "DMC asked the Union Home Secretary if this order is still valid and if not, when and what changes were made to this order *(DMC letter dated 24-4-18).* A final reply is yet to be received from the Union Home Ministry which wanted a more legible copy of the 1954 order and same was provided to it on 19-6-18. No reply has been received from MHA so far.

In the meantime, DMC received the reply of Delhi Directorate of Education saying that no such relaxation is possible as it will hurt the interests of the students. Various media channels and newspapers published conflicting reports quoting DMC. One report said that Delhi Govt. has refused to allow its employees' time to offer Friday prayers while another claimed that Delhi Govt. has offered its Muslim employees a "gift" by allowing them to offer Friday prayers. Both these reports were wrong and unfounded. DMC issued a clarification on this mix-up on 25 April, 2018. If need be, after the receipt of all replies, DMC will formally approach Delhi Govt. for a clear order in this respect.

EDMC's contractual employees: East Delhi Municipal Corporation's DBC (domestic breeder checker) employees approached the Commission saying that despite being contractual employees of the EDMC for the last 20 years, they were issued an order that there will be a break of four months in their services, which meant that these workers will

go without salaries for four months. After the intervention of DMC, EDMC decided to give them (710 workers) a break of only one day, hence 710 families were saved from ruin.

DBC workers have again approached DMC saying that despite their 20-year-long service, they are still on contracts resulting in low wages and denial of facilities given to government employees. DMC issued another notice to the Commissioner, East Delhi Municipal Corporation asking him to reply (a) Why these DBCs are not being regularized?; (b) Why they are not given preference while making new recruitments?; (c) Do you have any programme for the regularization of these DBC workers? If so, what is it and how much time it will take to regularize them? (*6 July, 2018).* The case continues.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

Complaint against school: A complaint by a (non-minority) employee of DPS R. K. Puram claiming denial of his religious rights by conducting a disciplinary enquiry on Eid day was found frivolous and dismissed (*15-11-2017).*

Action against fraud: Gulshan Ara (*name changed)*, a lady from East Delhi, complained to the DMC that Jahangir Alam (*name changed)* of the area took a loan of Rs 5 lakh from her to invest it in some scheme and return it to her in a year with profits. When a whole year passed and no profit or even the actual loan was paid back despite reminders, the lady complained to the New Usmanpur Police Station which did not register an FIR and advised the lady to go to a court since the matter is civil in nature. DMC sought replies from the defaulter and Delhi Police. The defaulter never bothered to reply or even attend case hearings while Delhi Police maintained that it is a civil matter, hence the complainant should go to a court of law. In the meanwhile, the lady provided more details about the defaulter which showed that he has defrauded many others in the area. She also provided details of "Amanat Muslim Fund" operated by the defaulter at Azad Chowk, Kardampuri, who suddenly shut down his office and vanished with around sixty lakh rupees belonging to hundreds of local depositors. DMC took a strict view of all this and ordered the SHO New Usmanpur to invoke Sections 420 and 406 against the defaulter and to file an FIR and register a case against him. The Commission also ordered DCP North East to investigate "Amanat Muslim Trust" and if there is *prima facie* proof of fraud and embezzlement, an FIR should be registered against the said defaulter and a case pursued in a court of law *(22-5-18).*

Harassment of elderly Sikh citizen: A Sikh senior citizen complained to DMC that officials of Delhi State Cooperative Bank Ltd. are harassing and threatening him and his family members on account of an old loan of Rs. 100,000 (one lakh) and also on account of him standing surety to another loan of Rs. 100,000 (one lakh) taken by Shri Mahinder Singh in 2005. Both loans were for the benefit of a friend who died in 2012. The friend was supposed to pay back both the loans. The complainant was under the impression that the actual beneficiary would have paid them. The complainant received no demand and

no notice until one fine morning on 17-6-15 he suddenly received a demand from the bank to pay Rs. 100,000 as principal and Rs. 246,953 as interest upto 31-5-15.Thereafter, he started receiving letters from the bank to pay the principal and interest which went on increasing. He also started receiving visits of the bank's agents, threats of arrest and attachment of his property. DMC has directed the bank to reply to the following questions: (1) When, according to your records, did … Singh default on his loan? What action was taken by your bank to recover the remaining principal and interest from him since the date of default and upto to his death in 2012? Send copies and proof of all communications and documents; (2) What action was taken by you to recover the remaining principal and interest from his widow/heir since 2012? Send copies of all communications and documents in this respect. Her address has been provided to us by the complainant as follows…. . *[address omitted]; (*3) When did the complainant Paramjit Singh himself default on his part of the loan? What action was taken by your bank to recover the remaining principal and interest thereon from him since the date of default? Send copies of all communications and documents from the day of default? (4) If your staff was asleep all the while from the date of default to 17-6-15, what action has been taken against your staff responsible for this lapse? Seen copies of all documents related to this. (5) What is the mechanism in your bank for settlement of claims in case of loanees/sureties unable to pay? (6) Are you ready for a settlement with the loanee/surety by accepting the remaining principal and foregoing the interest? (7) Send detailed separate accounts of how the principal and interest on both loans has been computed. The Commission further ordered that while this matter is *sub judice* in this Commission, you are directed to stop harassing the complainant in any manner *(4-7-18).* The case continues.

Notice against mobile tower in residential area: Acting on the complaint of residents of D-Block of Abul Fazal Enclave in South Delhi, DMC issued notices to Jio Mobile Company, Telecom Authority of India, Delhi Municipal Corporation, Directorate of Health and the owner of the building and asked them to reply to the following questions: (1) Erection of mobile towers close to residential properties is illegal; (2) Permission has not been obtained from the area Residents Welfare Association; (3) Permission has not been obtained from MCD; (4) Structural safety certificate has not been obtained from a designated institute; (5) Immediate neighbours have not been consulted and (6) A school and hospital exist in very close proximity of the proposed mobile tower. As an interim measure, DMC has ordered the stoppage of the work for erection of the mobile tower on the roof of the said building while the case is heard. Telecom Authority of India has replied that it is concerned only with the norms and not with mobile towers, while JIO Mobile Company has replied to some questions. It has been asked to reply to the specific questions asked. The case continues *(3-5-2018).*

Discrimination against a teacher on religious grounds: Ms. Heena Masood of Dwarka filed a complaint that she was selected as a teacher in the Shri Ram Global Pre-School, Janakpuri and was asked to attend a 10-day trial after which she was to receive her appointment letter. But after four days of trial she was asked not to come to the school

because she wore *hijab* although her supervisor said her performance was alright. Notice issued to the Principal of the said school and to the Dy. Director of Education of the area *(3-5-18).* The school's first reply was found insulting and rejected with a warning. A second reply has been received. The matter continues.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEDIA ORGANISATIONS

Notice to Sudarshan TV channel: Based on media reports (*Inquilab* and *Rashtriya Sahara* dailies, 12-5-2018), DMC issued a *suo motu* notice on 29-5-2018 to Sudarshan TV over a report it telecast about residents of Bawana in north Delhi. The channel had aired a programme on or around 11 May, 2018 which dubbed Bawana residents as "Bangladeshis" and "Rohingyas" although these Indian citizens have been officially settled here by government agencies after relocating then from various Delhi areas over the decades like residents of Indira Colony on Jamuna Pushta who were relocated to Bawana in 2000. DMC has ordered the managing director of the channel to reply with proofs to show that Bawana residents are "Bangladeshis" and "Rohingyas". Failing this, the channel has been ordered to tender an unconditional written apology and inform the Commission what action it has taken against the reporters and staff who prepared and aired the fake report which "spread disaffection against a section of Indian citizens and could have instigated a riot". DMC also ordered the channel to air the apology and deposit an undertaking with DMC that it will not air such divisive reports in future. DMC has said in its notice that should the channel fail to positively reply to the notice, "appropriate action will be taken by DMC against this channel." DMC has also issued a notice to DCP North District to file a report about action taken against the said broadcast, especially against one Ganga Ram who is allegedly behind spreading rumours that residents of the area are "Bangladeshis" and "Rohingyas". Sudarshan TV team paid a visit to DMC on 13-7-18 to understand the kind of reply required, which was explained to them. A formal reply of Sudarshan TV is yet to be received.

Notice to Zee News: While by-polling was on in Kairana parliamentary constituency, Zee News telecast a report showing Kairana's Muslim women wearing "Talibani *burqas*". The report, anchored by Sudhir Chaudhry on 28 May, 2018 repeatedly targeted elderly Muslim women of Kairana who wear *burqas* which the channel dubbed as "Talibani *burqas*". It alleged that the Muslim community of the area is inspired by Wahabism and that they are trying to propagate the "ideology of Taliban. "Amid images of Muslim women wearing burqas words were flashed like "*Bharat mein Talibani soch ki ghuspaith*?" (Talibani thinking's intrusion into India), "*Talibani burqe ka itihasik DNA test*" (Historic DNA test of Talibani burqas), "*Dekhein Kairana mein Talibani burqe ka kya kaam*" (Look, what Talibani *burqas* are doing in Kairana). In addition to the broadcast, the channel also published a report same day on its website with the headline: "*Dheere dheere Bharat ke Musalmanon ko kattar banaya jar aha hai*" (Slowly, Indian Muslims are being made extremists). It claimed that Indian Muslims are being Talibanised which it called a "*karwa sach*" (bitter truth) and said that attempt is being made to change the DNA of Indian Muslims, that Kairana has become a "laboratory" of communalism and of religion-based politics, that "Talibani thinking has crossed Afghani

borders into Pakistan and from there it has infiltrated into India". Such comments are a clear attempt to defame a community, propagate disaffection against it and concoct a fake story which has no root or basis since the kind of *burqas* the channel refers to are centuries-old in India. This clearly is an offence under IPC Section 295/A (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs) and IPC Section 505 (spreading false rumours). The broadcast was also an attempt to polarize communities and influence voters on communal lines while a by-election was on in the area, which is a punishable offence under Section 171/C of IPC. DMC issued a notice to the Managing Director of Zee News asking him to file a reply with documentary proof that the Muslim women of Kairana (Shamli Dist., U.P.) have been Talibanised; how and by whom this "*Talibani soch*" has been imported into India; is the *burqa* worn by some elderly Muslim women in Kairana not a centuries-old tradition and was this broadcast not an attempt to influence and polarize voters while polling was on in Kairana. If unable to justify its conclusions and remarks with proofs, the channel has to submit a written reply offering unconditional apology and explain what action has been taken against the reporter (s) and staff writer (s) responsible for this false report which spread disaffection against a section of Indian citizens and defamed them on communal and religious grounds. The channel also has to file an undertaking that it will desist from airing such unfounded reports in future. Failing this, appropriate action will be taken by DMC against the channel. (*11-6-2018*). Zee News made an email enquiry on 6-7-2018 about the nature of reply, it was replied back on 9-7-18 that DMC "questions are clearly framed and you have to reply only to our questions."

The Commission has also written to the Chief Election Commissioner on 11 June, 2018 drawing his attention to this matter as a clear attempt to defame a community, propagate disaffection against it and concoct a fake story which has no root or basis since the kind of *burqas* the channel referred to are centuries-old in India. More importantly, the said broadcast was an attempt to interfere in the electoral process by polarizing communities and influencing certain voters while a by-election was on in the area, which is a punishable offence under Section 171C of IPC.

The Commission also wrote on 11 June, 2018 to the Chairman, News Broadcasting Standards Authority drawing his attention to this broadcast telling him "All this is a clear attempt to defame a community, propagate disaffection against it and concoct a fake story which has no root or basis since the kind of *burqas* the channel referred to are centuries-old in India. This clearly is an offence under IPC Section 295-A (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs) and IPC Section 505 (spreading false rumours). The said broadcast was also an attempt to polarize communities and influence certain voters while a by-election was on in the area, which is a punishable offence under Section 171C of IPC…"

RIOTS/COMMUNAL TENSION, VIOLATION OF RELIGIOUS RIGHTS

Compromise over attempt to vitiate communal peace in East Delhi: A procession styled as "Akhand Bharat March" was organised in Mandawli area of East Delhi on 1 April, 2018. The procession stopped in front of a mosque and madrasa where it danced waving swords, burst firecrackers and raised provocative slogans. This activity was disseminated live through social media. DMC issued a notice to the area DCP to reply as to what action was taken against this procession and its organisers. Area DCP informed DMC that this procession was organised on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti and its organiser had asked for police protection to the procession and the same was provided. The reply further said that the local police station of Madhu Vihar received a number of complaints about this procession. The reply added that a meeting of madrasa & mosque people and the local RWA was held at the police station where it was decided that since "no untoward incident took place," they gave it in writing that they do not wish to pursue the matter as the complaint filed by them was just "informative"… Hence no action was taken on the complaints. The reply added that the area beat staff has been briefed "to remain more vigilant towards such activity, if any..." (*24-5-2018)*. Chairman of DMC said in a press statement that this is an example of how local police buries such issues. He appealed to the public not to withdraw their complaints in serious matters because such leniency only encourages the goons to continue their unlawful activities in future *(24-5-2018)*.

Sadar Bazar riot and armed procession at Parliament Street: A riot broke out on 16 May 2018 at Sadar Bazar and Bara Hindu Rao which spread to Qasabpura in Old Delhi. Some vehicles were damaged and a few people were injured in this violence which was the culmination of a stabbing incident two days earlier in Jhandewalan because the victim

(Zubair) sported beard and skullcap. Delhi Minorities Commission issued notices to the DCPs of the respective areas to file status reports explaining the actions taken against the culprits. DCP North said in his reply that "No communal angle involved in the above incident. During investigation of the case, it came to know that there was some dispute over playing DJ at a private function. No one has been arrested in the case. The investigation of the case is going on. A permanent police picket has been installed near the place of incident...Beat staff of the area has also been directed to be present and to be vigil in the area to stop such type of incident in future" (*11-7-2018).*

Notice to CISF over violation of Sikh citizen's religious rights: In April 2018, officers of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) did not allow a Sikh citizen to travel on Metro at Dhaula Kuan Metro Station because he was wearing a *kirpan*. The Sikh citizen showed them an order of the Union Aviation Ministry saying that Sikhs are allowed to carry a 6-inch-long *kirpan* on all domestic flights in India, but the CISF officers were not impressed. Delhi Minorities Commission wrote to the director general of CISF informing him that the Indian Constitution's Art. 25 allows Sikhs to carry *kirpans*. The Commission said in its letter: "we tend to believe that the above incident took place out of ignorance…. But if it is repeated in future, we will take appropriate action. "The Commission ordered CISF to disseminate this information to all concerned at Metro and railway stations, airports and other places where CISF is deployed (*28-5-2018).*

Assault on Kashmiri lady and her family: A Kashmiri lady and her relatives living in South Delhi's Siddhartha Extension were assaulted by some local people in the evening of 10-5-18. This was a culmination of problems faced by the said lady in the colony for the last three years and the lady had approached DMC earlier also. Delhi Minority Commission took a grim view of this incident. Chairman DMC toured the area and also spoke to DCP South directing him to offer adequate security to the lady and her relatives. DMC also issued notices to Delhi Police and the locality's RWA to file reports and directed the RWA members to desist from making unfounded allegations against the lady. The issue remains under review by the Commission.

Friday prayers in open spaces in Gurugram – DMC Chairman's letter to Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Hon'ble CM, Haryana: "I am following the events in Gurugram for the last one month where extremists are protesting and preventing Muslims from offering Friday prayers in open spaces. I have also read your statement where you advised against offering *namaz* in open spaces if someone objects to it. I support your stand but for me it will have meaning in a secular and law-abiding society only if same rule is applied evenly to all usage of public spaces for religious and social purposes. To be specific, I request you to kindly order police and administration in your state to remove all religious structures on public land and on roads and footpaths, to prevent use of roads during festivals when whole residential and commercial areas are occupied for religious and illegal commercial use for days on end on many occasions every year. Please also allow me to say that an application to build a mosque in Gurugam, which is pending for the last two decades, should be allowed and the 19 mosques in Gurugram which are under adverse occupation or abandoned, should be forthwith restored to the Muslim community/

Haryana Waqf Board so that *namaz* is offered there. A list of such mosques in Gurugram is attached herewith *[see below]*. In addition to these, there are thousands of mosques in various parts of Haryana which are under adverse occupation like in Sonepat, Sonipat, Rohtak, Hissar, Jhajjar, Hansi, Karnal and Ambala. In Panipat alone, around one hundred such mosques are under adverse occupation. Details may be had from Haryana Waqf Board. I hope you will follow *Rajdharma* in letter and spirit so that law and justice prevail in your state (*8-5-2018)*.

List of mosques in Gurugram where Muslims are not allowed to offer *namaz*

(Presented to Dy. Commissioner Gurugram by Haryana Waqf Board)

1. Masjid Garhi Harsaroo – abandoned
2. Masjid Wazirabad – under illegal occupation
3. Masjid Moika – abandoned
4. Masjid Fazilpur Jharsa – vacant plot for mosque
5. Masjid Naurangpur – demolished; under illegal occupation
6. Masjid Naurangpur – demolished; empty plot
7. Masjid Naurangpur – demolished; empty plot
8. Masjid Daulatpur Nasirabad – under illegal occupation
9. Masjid Dhankaut– under illegal occupation
10. Masjid Dahnkaut – abandoned
11. Masjid Jharsa – under illegal occupation
12. Masjid Jharsa Tehsil, demolished; empty plot
13. Masjid Badshahpur – under illegal occupation
14. Masjid Badshahpur – under illegal occupation
15. Masjid Bhondsi – in ruins
16. Masjid Khurrampur – in ruins
17. Masjid Khurrampur – in ruins
18. Masjid Farrukhnagar - – under illegal occupation
19. Masjid Farrukhnagar - – under illegal occupation

(Source: Daily Inquilab, Delhi, 8 May, 2018)

Armed march in Parliament Street – notice to Delhi Police: According to a report in an Urdu paper (*Hamara Samaj*, 11-5-18), an outfit called "Hindu United Front" held an armed march waving swords in Parliament Street on 10-5-18 during which demands like end of minority status of Muslims, enactment of law to curtain population and a ban on offering *namaz* on roads. One of the leaders of the demonstration was one J. Bhagwan Goel. Notice issued to DCP Central to file report detailing how this demonstration was allowed and what action has been taken against those who raised offensive slogans and waved swords in a public place (*18-5-18)*. The case continues.

Assault on a Muslim youth in East Delhi: A mob in East Delhi's Ghonda area attacked a Muslim youth from Chauhan Bangar on 2 May, 2018and broke his arm when he tried to intervene in an attack by goons on a lonely boy. When the mobsters came to know that the youth was Muslim and resided in a predominantly Muslim area, they attacked him

with *lathis* breaking his arm and inflicting serious injuries to various parts of his body. Some people took the youth to Jag Pravesh Hospital in Shastri Park where his broken arm was placed in plaster cast and injuries were treated. Thereafter, he went to Jafarabad police station but it refused to register an FIR. Finally, it registered an FIR two days later invoking weak clauses. On receiving a complaint, Delhi Minorities Commission asked DCP North East to conduct an enquiry, examine CCTV recordings in the area of assault and insert correct clauses like Sections 325/307 and 506 in the FIR. DCP North East was also directed to end the *goonda raj* in East Delhi's Ghonda area which is allegedly run by one Vinod Pahelwan and his group (*17-5-18)*. The case continues.

Notice to Ola Company, Delhi over discriminatory behaviour of its driver: According to a press report (*Inquilab,* 19-6-18), journalist Asad Ashraf ordered an Ola cab at 8:50 pm in the night of Sunday, 17 June, 2018, to go from BK Dutt Colony near Lodhi Road to Okhla area. The cab arrived at 9:7 pm. It was driven by one Ashok Kumar who took the passenger but after a short while stopped the cab and asked the passenger to get out saying that he does not go to "Mulla colonies". Later, the driver phoned someone to come to the cab. Sensing trouble, the journalist left the cab. He later complained to the Ola company after which his app was blocked. Next day, the company apologized on its Twitter account and promised that this will not happen in future. Taking *suo motu* notice of this incident, DMC asked the company (a) what is the company policy in such matters, (b) what action has been taken against the driver and (c) have all drivers of the company been warned that such discriminatory behaviour will not be tolerated from anyone of them in future (*19-6-2018).* The case continues.

Nanak Shah Fakir film: Shri Harinder Singh Sikka has produced the film "Nanak Shah Fakir" on the life of the first Sikh Guru, Shri Nanak. A Sikh citizen of Delhi complained that this film violates Sikh sentiments and *maryada*. Delhi Minorities Commission sent a notice to the producer of the film to reply to this complaint. In his reply, the producer claimed that the film has the approval of the highest Sikh religious authorities (the five Jathedars of Akal Takht) and of SGPC. He attached copies of the approval letters of these authorities as well as saying that the Supreme Court of India has allowed the screening of the film. In his reply, the film producer used insulting language against DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar and even demanded an apology from DMC for sending him the notice. According to convention, the producer's reply was forwarded to the complainant for comments. The complainant replied with proofs that around two months before the producer's reply, both the five Jathedars of Akal Takht and SGPC had repudiated their earlier approval of the film and the Jathedars had even expelled the said producer from the Sikh community. After the receipt of these clarifications, DMC wrote to the producer to desist from using insulting language and, if same is repeated in future, action will be taken against him. The Commission further asked the producer to explain why he presented old approval letters of the Jathedars of Akal Takht and SGPC when the same had already been withdrawn at the time of his reply. Clarifying that it does not interfere in court rulings, DMC directed the producer to (a) tender an apology for the unacceptable language used in his communications and (b) explain why he concealed facts from the

Commission and presented documents which were invalidated long before he presented them to the DMC (*19-6-2018)*. The case continues.

Religious discrimination against educated Muslim lady: In November 2017, newspapers carried the report that an orphanage in Kotla Mubarakpur refused to employ Nedal Zoya, a highly-educated young Muslim lady with a masters in social work from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, because of her wearing *hijab*. She was blatantly told in an email: "even a distance of one kilometre you looks *[sic]* like a Muslim lady due to your external Muslim gears". DMC managed to contact the said lady but she refused to file any complaint. As a result, DMC issued a *suo motu* notice to SHO, Kotla Mubarakpur who replied that the police could not trace this orphanage and that no one has filed any complaint in this respect. Hence this file was closed but DMC Chairman said in a statement, "it is a matter of our moral weakness that we do not pursue cases properly and make an excuse that we do not have time or do not want to court trouble or keep silent due to some reason, as a result the criminals go scot free and continue their activities in future. People should come forward and spend their time so that justice in one case may send message to criminals that they can get into trouble and others will take note of same."

My dear Nedal,
I have to concerns;

1) Since our orphanage will be only for ELIGIBLE orphan girls not for ORDINARY orphan girls! But you MISSED this major aspect in your final project proposal despite of my so much details with basic factual project proposal to you!

2) Our upcoming orphanage will be religion free for the eligible orphan girls as well as staff. But I am sorry to inform you that even a distance of one kilometer you looks like a Muslim lady due to your external muslim gears!

Your are highly sensitive, intelligent, ethical, educated and experienced lady. My English language is not upto your level that is the reason I am searching for an excellent writer! Please do not mind my words and just go through the message I want to convey! Please reply your views on above mentioned two concerns!

I hope you will be enough generous to take it professionally!

With love

Harish Varma

"…even [at] a distance of one kilometer you looks like a Muslim…"orphanage manager Harish Varma wrote in his email.

(Above: Nedal Zoya)

Bihari labourer lynched in West Delhi: Abdul Malik, a labourer from Bihar's Madhubani district, was attacked by criminals at around noon on Holi day, 2 March, 2018, near Samrat Cinema, B-Block, Shakurpur in West Delhi. He was passing by the area with a group when they were attacked by anti-social elements. Others managed to flee while Abdul Malik was badly beaten with sticks and arms and was left for dead. Abdul Malik had fallen into coma from which he never recovered. Some people of the area took him to the nearby Mahavir Hospital which referred him to Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital same day. Abdul Malik never recovered from coma and breathed his last on 13 March, 2018. The local Subhash Place Police Station registered an FIR on 2-3-18 and arrested six persons while two were absconding. DMC directed area DCP that the culprits charged with attempt to murder (Section 307), should in fact be charged for murder (Section 302) as the victim later died due to his injuries (*14-3-2018)*. Compliance report is awaited.

Compensation to victim of lynching on Delhi road – Chairman DMC's letter to Shri Arvind Kejriwal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of NCT of Delhi: "Abdul Malik Ansari, a labourer from Bihar's Madhubani district, was attacked by criminals at around noon on day of Holi — 2 March 2018 - near Samrat Cinema, B-Block Shakurpur in West Delhi. He was passing by the area with a group when his group was attacked. Others managed to flee while Abdul Malik was not so fortunate. He was badly beaten with sticks and arms and left for dead. Abdul Malik had fallen in coma from which he never recovered. Some people of the area transported him to the nearby Mahavir Hospital which referred him to Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital same day. Abdul Malik never recovered from coma and breathed his last on Tuesday, 13 March, 2018. The local Subhash Place Police Station registered an FIR on 2-3-18 and arrested six persons while two were absconding. They were charged with attempt to murder (Section 307). This will now be changed to murder (Section 302). Abdul Malik was the sole bread-winner of his family comprising of wife Raushan Khatun, children Md. Waris (8 years), Md. Harish (6 years) and Ashiya Praveen (2 years). They are now left with no support and protection. You are respectfully requested to order a reasonable ex-gratia payment, like Rs. 20 lakh, as compensation to the family and help to allow Abdul Malik's children to complete their

education. The amount may be placed in a fixed deposit account with instruction to the bank to pay the interest to the family and unlock it when the eldest child reaches the age of, say, 20 years" *(14-3-2018). Hon'ble CM Delhi's office sent this letter to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Delhi "for appropriate necessary action" (undated letter received by DMC on 27-3-18) A similar letter was sent on same day to Shri Nitish Kumar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar. Copies of both letters were also sent to the widow of the victim, Smt. Raushan Khatoon, Ward No. 02, Rahmat Ganj Mohalla, Deodha Madhya, Usarhi Deodha, Dist. Madubhani, Bihar 847226).*

***Jhulas* cannot be dismantled to erect an open gym:** Tanjeet Kaur Ahuja and her husband Narindar Singh Ahuja of Janakpuri fought a dogged battle against local residents and the Horticultural Deptt. of SDMC against uprooting *jhulas* and erecting in their place an open gym in the park facing their house. On the very first day of the inauguration of the open gym, Mrs Ahuja faced eve-teasing and staring. She lives most of the time with her 5½ year-old daughter while husband is at work. The open gym was installed by the order of the local councillor but even the local MLA was unable to get it dismantled or transferred to some other place. SDMC's guidelines regarding installation of open gyms in parks clinched the issue. These guidelines framed at the order of the Delhi High Court said "gym must not cause a negative impact to local residents. This may include proximity to residents and therefore direct visual and noise concerns of exercise equipment" (3.1.a); "The open/outdoor gym equipment (park) should not overlap spaces meant for children and older people" (3.4); "the executing agency should consult with the community with regard to the installation…of gym equipment" (3.1.b). DMC also found on record that *jhulas* existed on the site before the installation of the gym and that the local MLA had written a letter to SDMC directing it to relocate the open gym and re-install it in some other place but the direction was not complied with. Finally, DMC ordered that "It is clear that the said open gym has been installed in clear violation of the SDMC's own guidelines by uprooting pre-existing *jhulas* and the immediate neighbour of the said gym has serious problem of eve-teasing, security and noise pollution, the Horticulture Department of SDMC is hereby ordered to (1) relocate the said open gym to some other place where immediate neighbours have no problem; (2) re-install the same number of *jhulas* at the same location which existed on the site before the installation of the open gym; (3) Send compliance report, with photographs of the site, to DMC within one month of the release of this order" *(21-6-18).*

Attack by "Gaurakshaks": According to the *Indian Express* and *Hindustan Times* (18 Sept., 2016), a madrasa teacher and a van driver were assaulted and beaten up by suspected Gaurakshaks in Kirori village, outer Delhi, when the former carried remains of sacrifice done on Eidul Azha to dump same in a ground near Rani Khera village. A case was registered according to the area police. DCP Outer Distt. informed on 28-2-2018 that FIR No. 385/16 U/S 308/341/147/149/34 IPC has been registered at PS Khanjawala and that four accused have been arrested and enlarged on bail by court while efforts are being made to arrest the remaining two accused after which a final report will be submitted before Court. The latest report filed by DCP Outer District names five persons who were

arrested and set free by court on bail while effort continues to arrest two more accused. The report said, "ACP/Mundka and SHO/Kanjhawala has been directed to conclude the investigation expeditiously and submit the final report before the Hon'ble Court without any further delay" *(5-3-2018).* DMC continues to monitor this case.

Burning of Rohingya jhuggies – *suo motu* notice: A fire gutted the shanties of Rohingya refugees in Kanchanpura, near Sarita Vihar, South Delhi, in the night of 14-15 April, 2018. The cause of the fire is not known. A certain "Manish Chandela," said to be a member of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, reportedly tweeted at 2: 46 pm on 15 April, 2018 claiming: "Yes we burnt the houses of Rohingya terrorists". A notice was issued to DCP, South, to enquire about this and take necessary legal action if found correct (*17-4-2018).* A reply dated 19-7-2018 was received from DCP South East which did not reply about the issue raised in the notice; instead it spoke of the incident itself. The area DCP has been reminded to send a reply only about the alleged claim of one "Manish Chandela." The case remains open.

Manish Chandela's tweet on 16-4-2018

Complaint of sexual harassment by Ms. Noori Khan, patients welfare officer in BJRM Hospital, Jahangirpuri: The complainant alleged that Dr V. K. Verma and Shri Umaish, dealing assistant, are annoying her with sexual remarks, ask her to spend time

with them and have withheld her salary for the last many months saying that not only her salary will remain unpaid, even her job will go if she does not satisfy their lust. She filed an FIR no. 567/2018 on 21-11-2017 at PS Jahangirpuri against Dr V. K. Verma but no action so far has been taken against the accused nor her salary has been released. A notice was issued to (1) DCP East; (2) Superintendent, BJRM (Babu Jagjivan Ram) Hospital, Jahangirpuri, Delhi 110033; (3) Director General, Directorate General of Health Services, F-17, Karkardooma, Delhi-110032 to reply (a) what action so far has been taken about the complaints of the complainant – attach copies of all relevant papers; (b) Has the matter been put up in the Internal Complaints Committee and the Sexual Harassment Committee of the hospital; if yes, attach copies of the complaint (s) and the proceedings and decisions made; (c) if there are no such committees in the hospital, explain why these have not been formed in the hospital and what is the alternative redressal framework in such matters? And (d) What action has been taken on the FIR no. 567/2018 on 21-11-2017 at PS Jahangirpuri against Dr V. K. Verma? As an interim order, SMC directed Superintendent, BJRM (Babu Jagjivan Ram) Hospital, Jahangirpuri, Delhi 110033 to (a) immediately release all dues of the complainant; (b) restrain Dr V. K. Verma and Shri Umaish, dealing assistant, from harassing the complainant or entering her room. Superintendent, BJRM (Babu Jagjivan Ram) Hospital is directed to file compliance report within one week of receiving this direction. Failing this action will be taken personally against the Superintendent, BJRM [Babu Jagjivan Ram] Hospital (*22-5-2018). The* case continues.

***Suo motu* notice re. murder of eatery owner for refusal to serve free food to goons:** Shahabuddin, a 30-year-old food stall owner, was stabbed to death in Gandhi Nagar, East Delhi on 18-5-2018 for allegedly refusing to serve free food to local goons (*Times of India*,20-5-2018). *Suo motu* notice was issued to the DCP, East Delhi distt. to enquire and file a report including the steps taken after the incident to nab the killers and bring them to justice *(22-5-2018).* The case continues.

Assessment of minority representation in Govt. and PSUs: Assessment of minority representation in various public sector organisations is an on-going process at DMC and the figures obtained from various departments and PSUs are published in the annual report of DMC. The Commission also monitors the use of Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) for minority-concentrated districts (North East Delhi district in the case of NCT of Delhi -- which is found on pages 22-24 in this report).

Loans to minorities: Availability of loans to minorities from commercial banks in NCT of Delhi is routinely monitored by DMC. A representative of the DMC participates in all quarterly meetings of SLBC-Delhi which monitors the banking activities in NCT of Delhi. DMC has been pressing that minorities should get at least 15 percent share in all loans disbursed by the commercial banks. According to the latest report from SLBC-Delhi, as of 4-6-2018, the ratio of loans to minorities in the Central district was 29.74% (total advances to minorities 6728 crores) and 15.58% (total advances to minorities Rs. 68.44 crores) in the North East district, which is satisfactory.

But the record of SC/ST/OBC/Minorities Finance & Development Corporation and Delhi Khadi & Village Industries Board (DKVIB) activity on this front are extremely worrisome. Delhi Khadi & Village Industries Board has informed DMC that it received 37 applications during 2017-18 and sanctioned only one application for loan in the period under review. The same organization (DKVIB) had informed DMC in the previous year that it received one application for loan and that too was rejected. Both organisations are being pursued to divulge the reasons behind low applications, huge rejections and extremely low levels of sanctions. (*See more details on pages 30-35 in this report).*

COMPLAINTS REGARDING LACK OF CIVIC AMENITIES

DMC is following up complaints about non-availability of civic and educational facilities in various minority areas of NCT of Delhi like Jafrabad, Chauhan Nagar Bangar, Brahampuri, Seelampur, Shastri Park, Inderlok, Bawana and Aya Nagar in South Delhi Municipal Corporation, New Delhi Municipal Corporation, East Delhi Municipal Corporation and North Delhi Municipal Corporation areas.

Lack of health facilities in Bawana – Chairman DMC's letter to Shri Satyendar Jain, Hon'ble Health Minister of NCT of Delhi: "Recently I attended an awareness camp at Bawana J. J. Colony in North Delhi. The area consists of poor and unfortunate people who were settled there in 2004 when their shanties on Jamuna *pushta* were dismantled. The area having a population of around 2.5 lakh does not have a hospital or even a clinic. You are kindly requested to open a few clinics in the area and also to build an appropriate hospital for the residents of this remote area of Delhi." (*19-2-2018).*

Lack of sewer lines in Bawana – Chairman DMC's letter to Ms. Preeti Aggarwal, Hon'ble Mayor, North Delhi Municipal Corporation: "Recently I attended an awareness camp at Bawana J.J. Colony in North Delhi. The area consists of poor and unfortunate people who were settled there in 2004 when their shanties on Jamuna *pushta* were dismantled. Residents complained that despite the passage of 14 years on their relocation to this area, it has no sewer lines and dirty water flows into their *qabristan* (graveyard). Please ensure that sewer lines are laid in this area at the earliest and let us know the progress report *(19-2-2018).* Hon'ble Mayor wrote to Delhi Jal Board in Karol Bagh to look into the matter and "appropriate action be initiated at the earliest" (8-3-18). DJB informed DMC that the Executive Engineer (Projects), SR-1, DJB, Sector 6, Rohini will undertake this project *(12-4-18).* DJB replied (*17-5-18)* that the JJ colonies fall under the jurisdiction of Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB). DUSIB was asked to consider this matter *(25-5-18).*

EDUCATION

Lack of educational facilities in Bawana – Chairman DMC's letter to Shri Manish Sisodia, Hon'ble Dy. CM, Delhi: "Recently I attended an awareness camp at Bawana J. J. Colony in North Delhi. The area consists of poor and unfortunate people who were settled there in 2004 when their shanties on Jamuna *pushta* were dismantled. According

to them, there are 30,000 school-going children in the area, out of whom some 80% go to schools but schools are not adequate in terms of size, facilities and number of teachers. Their main demands are: (1) Teaching of Urdu in all schools of the area; (2) A library is needed in the area; (3) More teachers are needed in the existing schools which are overflowing with students and teachers are unable to control them; (4) The area needs a large school. DDA has earmarked a plot of land for this purpose but there is no movement on the ground. I hope urgent action is ordered to serve this unfortunate population" *(19-2-2018).*

Minority quota: A complaint against Guru Gobind Singh University for not offering Muslim minority quota to a Muslim applicant was closed after a clarification was received from the university that the said quota is available to a Muslim in a Muslim minority college which did not exist in Delhi for the required course *(4-8-2017).*

OBC Certificate: Upon receiving complaints about getting the OBC certificate in Delhi, DMC asked Revenue Department of Govt. of NCT of Delhi about the problems of difficulty and delay in the issue of this certificate. DMC specifically asked: (1) What is the procedure to obtain income and OBC certificates? (2) What is the time limit to issue a certificate after an application is filed? (3) What action is taken against officers who delay the issuance of these certificates? (*20-3-2018)*. The Department replied that to get an OBC certificate in Delhi the applicant should be an Indian national, a blood-relation of the applicant should have earlier received this certificate, he/she should be residing in Delhi since 8 September, 1993, Delhi Government should have issued a notification about his caste and the applicant should not belong to the creamy layer specified by Government of India from time to time. Attached documents need not be attested by a gazetted officer as the applicant can self-attest his/her documents. Forms are available free of cost from the officers of *tahsildars* or may be applied online on Delhi Govt.'s e-portal. The applicant will receive messages via sms on application and on approval of the application. The applicant can know the status online or through sms. On approval, the certificate may be downloaded from the e-portal. The concerned SDM has to approve or reject the application within nine days of receiving the application. In case of delay beyond this period, the concerned officer will pay the applicant a fine of Rs 10 per day upto Rs 200 as maximum fine *(17-4-2018).*

Requirement for *fresh* OBC certificate – DMC Chairman's letter to the Registrar, Delhi University: "We have received complaints that certain colleges affiliated to Delhi University are asking applicants to produce *fresh* OBC certificates issued *after 31 March, 2018*. When some students asked about the rationale of this demand and if there is an order, they were told that verbal orders have been received via mobile phones. Students who do have valid OBC certificates are made to sign an undertaking that they will produce *a fresh certificate within 15 days*. In case of their failure, the seats may be cancelled. While the undertaking makes the student say that 'I am liable for criminal prosecution' and at the same time the same undertaking makes the student say 'I also hereby undertake that I shall not enter into any legal litigation…' We have made

enquiries with the authorities issuing OBC certificates and it has been made clear to us that there is no expiry date for OBC certificates and that the demand being made by some colleges has no legal basis. According to information and a complaint made to DMC, colleges indulging in this unlawful activity include Zakir Husain College, Daulat Ram College and Lady Shri Ram College. Instead of registering a case, I am writing to you to look into this matter urgently and direct the colleges affiliated to DU to desist from this unlawful demand. This is a matter of urgency since students may lose their seats if they fail to procure such certificates which take time as is known to all. I am confident you will take urgent notice of this matter" (*28 June, 2018)*. No reply was received to this letter, hence a formal notice was sent to the Registrar, Delhi University (*see below)*.

Notice to Delhi University Registrar over OBC Certificate: It came to the knowledge of Delhi Minorities Commission that some Delhi University colleges are demanding *fresh* OBC certificates from OBC applicants holding valid certificates. These colleges are also forcing OBC students to sign an undertaking that they will produce a fresh OBC certificate within 15 days and that, if they fail, their admission may be cancelled. DMC Chairman immediately wrote to the Registrar of Delhi University asking him to alert colleges that this practice is illegal. But subsequent reports said that the demand of a *fresh* OBC certificate by some Delhi University colleges still continues. Therefore, the Commission issued a formal notice to the DU Registrar to reply (a) on what basis *fresh* OBC certificates are being demanded when OBC certificates have no expiry dates, (b) since when and on what basis the order to demand a fresh OBC certificate is being made. In an interim order, DMC also ordered that no action should be taken against those who fail to submit a fresh OBC certificate and no admission of an OBC candidate may be cancelled while the hearing of this case continues (*16-7-2018).*

URDU AND PUNJABI TEACHERS IN DELHI GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

Temporary Urdu teachers: Urdu teachers of Delhi Urdu Academy have been working as temporary staff since long, some of them have been working for the last three decades. DMC took up their case *(13-11-2017)* with Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister & Education Minister who forwarded it for "necessary action" to the Department of Education *(23-11-2017)*. The matter is being pursued with the Deptt. of Education. DMC received replies from the Delhi Urdu Academy and Directorate of Education. Delhi Urdu Academy said it appointed these teachers on contractual basis as a service within its mandate and that it is not possible for it to regularize these teachers or to merge them with the Directorate of Education. The Directorate of Education in its reply said that it has not appointed these teachers; hence it cannot regularize or merge them into its system. Directorate of Education may be advised to take an administrative decision to absorb the Urdu and Punjabi teachers of the Delhi Urdu Academy within the vacancies it has created for Urdu and Punjabi teachers to benefit from their long experience. This may be done by taking a decision, advertising it and by giving some preference to such Urdu and Punjabi teachers who have a long track record *(Chairman DMC's remarks, 21-3-2018).*

Vacant Urdu and Punjabi teachers' posts: DMC has taken up with Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister & Education Minister as well as with the Deptt. of Education the issue of the 1379 posts of Punjabi & Urdu teachers created on 17-8-2016 but still there are no appointments. Chairman DMC wrote to Shri Manish Sisodia, Hon'ble Dy. CM and Minister of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi: "It has come to our knowledge through media reports that Delhi Government has decided to appoint 769 Punjabi and 610 Urdu teachers in Delhi schools. It is believed that the process of appointing permanent teachers on these posts may take 4-5 years. Meanwhile, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, has been directed to appoint part-time Urdu and Punjabi teachers. Earlier this was done through the Urdu and Punjabi academies. It is our advice that until permanent teachers are appointed, the old system of appointment of Urdu and Punjabi teachers through the Delhi Urdu and Punjabi academies should be continued as they have successful previous experience of doing this in the past" *(31-7-2017).*

Appointment of retired Urdu Academy teachers as resource teachers – Notice to Secretary, Delhi Urdu Academy: DMC received a representation from the Urdu Academy Teachers Association enclosing an order by the Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi which allows engagement of retired teachers of Government schools as "resource teachers" up to the age of 70 years. The Urdu teachers employed by the Delhi Urdu Academy get only half the salary of government school teachers and that too for only ten months in a calendar year. Moreover, they do not get any facilities available to government employees. DMC advised Delhi Urdu Academy that Urdu teachers of the Delhi Urdu Academy should be treated at par with the government school teachers and they too should be recruited as "resource teachers" up to the age of 70 years of age. This will somehow ameliorate the adverse working and salary conditions they are subjected to. DMC directed Delhi Urdu Academy to issue identity cards to all Urdu teachers employed by it (*12-3-2018).*

MA Urdu results: A case was registered against Delhi University for unduly withholding results of M. A. Urdu exams. The case was solved by the University's prompt publishing of the results after DMC's intervention *(13-9-2017).*

Encouragement to a meritorious student– DMC Chairman's letter to Ms. Aqsa Sikandar of Delhi 110006: "I am sorry to see a press report that despite securing hundred percent marks in Urdu, you were not given 'Nishan-e Rifaat Sarosh Award'. We appreciate your keen interest in studies. Should Delhi Minorities Commission give awards on similar lines, we will be glad to consider your name for an award. Continue your efforts and become a productive and exemplary citizen of our country. We are proud of you" *(6-11-2017).*

Problems of Okhla area – DMC Chairman's letter to Shri Manish Sisodia, Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister & Minister of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi: "Okhla in south-east Delhi is a poor minority-dominated area with meagre educational facilities. Poor (EWS) students of this area also suffer because they hardly fall within the 0-3 kms

distance from a good school where EWS Scheme is operative. Based on representations from the area, we would like to ask you to kindly consider two requests: (1) Enlarge the acceptable distance of a school from a child's home to 0-6 kms and include schools in New Friends Colony, Defence Colony, Nehru Place, Kalkaji and other areas within 0-6 kms distance so that poor children of this area can get quality education by availing of the EWS scheme; (2) Open at least two higher secondary schools in this area, including one in Jasola, with science stream. This will ease the pressure and allow Okhla students to study in an area adjacent to their homes. I hope these two proposals will be sympathetically considered at the earliest *(23-11-2017).*

"Urdu Education Board" – DMC Chairman's letter to Mr. D. K. Goel, Dy. Secretary, Union Ministry of HRD: "A recent press report says that "Urdu Education Board" has obtained a stay from Delhi High Court against your decision to cancel two letters issued by your ministry in 2015 recognising the said "Urdu Education Board". Sometime back a representative of the said 'board' came to our Commission showing us a copy of a letter of appreciation issued by a previous chairman of this Commission. Despite a lot of effort by our staff, the said letter's record could not be traced in our Commission's records. I think, *prima facie*, this is a bogus organization with little or no infrastructure doling out "High School" and "Senior Secondary School" certificates through postal tuition (*if any)* and conducting "exams" at various centres. It has to be examined if such an organization is authorized to issue certificates with such nomenclature? A proper probe is required to ascertain if this "Board" is authorized to issue certificates with such nomenclature and if it fulfils the requirements and facilities for the same" *(2-2-2018).*

Urdu & Punjabi Teachers' Appointment: DMC took up the matter for appointment of Urdu and Punjabi teachers (Guest Teachers) in view of available vacancies, *i.e.*, Urdu 610 and Punjabi 769 teachers. The Commission directed the Department of Education, Govt. of NCTD, to get those vacant posts filled in at the earliest so that each and every school in Delhi may get one Punjabi and one Urdu teacher. Department of Education informed that it has a pool of guest teachers of Urdu and Punjabi languages who are deputed to schools at the request of principals. If the principal of any school does not respond to parents' requests, they should inform the Department of Education and DMC. Government schools are obliged to teach mother tongue if demanded by six or more students in a class.

Situation of Punjabi and Urdu teachers in Delhi: According to the Directorate of Education's letter dated 22-3-2018, following is the situation of Punjabi and Urdu teachers in Delhi:

1. *TGT Punjabi*
    1. Sanctioned posts: 1018
    2. Regular teachers: 123
    3. Academy teachers: 90

4. Guest teachers: 113
5. Vacant posts: 692

2. *TGT Urdu*
   1. Sanctioned posts: 1024
   2. Regular teachers: 82
   3. Academy teachers: 62
   4. Guest teachers: 316
   5. Vacant posts: 564
3. *Lecturer Punjabi*
   1. Sanctioned posts: 44
   2. Regular teachers: 22
   3. Academy teachers: 0
   4. Guest teachers: 10
   5. Vacant posts: 12
4. *Lecturer Urdu*
   1. Sanctioned posts: 67
   2. Regular teachers: 15
   3. Academy teachers: 0
   4. Guest teachers: 28
   5. Vacant posts: 24

"A press report (daily *Inquilab*, 17 April, 2018) said that 26,000 teachers of modern subjects in madrasas across 16 states are not receiving their salaries for the last three years and these include around 20,000 teachers in 8484 madrasas in Uttar Pradesh alone. They teach subjects like Hindi, English, social science, science, computer applications, and maths in madrasas under the SPQIM scheme of your ministry since 1995 with the avowed aim of modernizing madrasas. The teachers get a monthly honorarium of Rs 6000 for graduates and Rs 12,000 for post-graduates. This is the first time that their salaries have been withheld for such a long period. This goes against the dream of our Hon'ble Pime Minister to seen Quran in one hand and computer in the other hand of Muslim students. Kindly see to it that these long over-due arrears are paid at the earliest and also that the meagre honoraria paid to these teachers are adequately revised keeping with inflation and cost of living in mind" (*20-4-2018).*

Directorate of Education has further informed DMC that the Subordinate Services Selection Board published an advertisement on 20 December, 2017 to fill the vacant posts of Urdu and Punjabi teachers and the last date for applications was 31 January, 2018. The selection process is on. Directorate of Education has also informed DMC that on the request of a principal, guest Urdu and Punjabi teachers are provided to the respective school. If any principal does not conceded to the request of parents in this respect, a written complaint should be made to the Directorate of Education. If the problem is not solved even then, parents should file complains with proofs with the DMC *(23-3-2018).*

Delay in payment of salaries to madrasa teachers - DMC Chairman's letter to Shri Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble Union HRD Minister: "A press report (daily *Inquilab*, 17 April, 2018) says that 26,000 teachers of modern subjects in madrasas across 16 states are not receiving their salaries for the last three years and these include around 20,000 teachers in 8484 madrasas in Uttar Pradesh alone. They teach subjects like Hindi, English, social science, science, computer applications and maths in madrasas under the SPQEM scheme of your ministry since 1995 with the avowed aim of modernizing madrasas. The teachers get a monthly honorarium of Rs. 6000 for graduates and Rs. 12,000 for post-graduates. This is the first time that their salaries have been withheld for such a long period. This goes against the dream of our Hon'ble Pime Minister to see Quran in one hand and computer in the other hand of Muslim students. Kindly see to it that these long over-due arrears are paid at the earliest and also that the meagre honoraria

paid to these teachers are adequately revised keeping in mind inflation and cost of living *(20-4-2018).*

SPQEM scheme for madrasas – DMC Chairman's letter to Shri Maneesh Garg, Joint Secretary (SE-I), Department of School Education & Literacy, MHRD: "…SPQEM scheme could not be implemented in NCT of Delhi because there is no madrasa board in Delhi. To overcome this hurdle, Govt. of NCT of Delhi had asked Delhi Minorities Commission to scrutinise madrasas in Delhi and if found satisfactory to the registration requirements, issue them recognition certificates so that recognized madrasas may apply for SPQEM. After some early enthusiasm, the matter was forgotten until I recently opened the old file and started looking into the steps to be taken to start the process. I will be grateful if you could enlighten me about the following queries: (1) Is the SPQEM scheme still operative? (2) Will our recognition certificate be sufficient for madrasas in Delhi to apply for this scheme? (3) Any other relevant information to help us move ahead in this matter *(25-5-2018).*

Innuendo against madrasas — Chairman DMC's letter to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi re. Shri Waseem Rizvi's letter to the PM: "…I am alarmed by reports that Shri Waseem Rizvi, Chairman of U. P. Shia Waqf Board, has written a letter to you in which he claims that madrasas are teaching terror to their students and that they should be closed down, etc. I wish to say most respectfully that there no iota of truth in Shri Rizvi's claims. Madrasas do not teach terrorism. There is no proof till date of the same. People taking to terrorism need skills and knowledge of foreign languages which our madrasas do not teach. There is no doubt that our madrasas are not totally adequate for this age and this requires their modernization. Madrasas meet the religious needs of the Muslim Community and they should be encouraged to evolve as educational centres imparting education to suit our times. For this, a sympathetic approach is required. It will be a good idea to reconsider the proposal of establishing a Central Madrasa Board to which madrasas can voluntarily affiliate and evolve their curriculum in a way more suitable to these times, in addition to imparting the necessary religious education. As a reward and incentive, degrees of madrasas affiliated to the proposed Central Madrasa Board should be recognized. With best wishes and salutations" *(12-1-2018).*

Recognition of madrasas in Delhi: There is an on-going scheme of the Central government to aid modernization of madrasas. It is available only to recognized madrasas. Since there is no madrasa board in Delhi, unlike many other states, Delhi madrasas cannot avail of this facility called 'Scheme for Providing Quality Education to Madrasas' (SPQEM). To overcome this hurdle, Delhi government asked Delhi Minorities Commission to issue registration certificates to madrasas after receiving their applications and their verification. This scheme started in 2012 and went on paper for long years in preparation of the questionnaire and guidelines until, finally, an advertisement was published in newspapers like *Times of India* on 6-5-2016. Some madrasas applied for recognition but no work followed after this stage apparently on the plea that DMC needs some staff for this purpose. DMC is considering to revive this scheme.

Madrasa Board for Delhi - Chairman DMC's letter to Shri Manish Sisodia, Hon'ble Dy. CM, Govt. of NCT of Delhi: "The attached mail has been forwarded to us by your office. It is a demand to establish "Delhi Madrasa Board" in NCT of Delhi on the lines of madrasa boards existing in many states like U. P., Bihar and West Bengal etc. This is a prerogative of the state government and falls beyond the mandate of Delhi Minorities Commission. I am not aware why no such board was established in Delhi but, as a way out, Govt. of NCT of Delhi had asked Delhi Minorities Commission to issue registration certificates to eligible madrasas within NCT of Delhi so that these educational institutions may avail of SPQEM scheme of the Union HRD Ministry. DMC worked on this project for a few years but somehow the project was abandoned without any reason or even a noting on the respective file. Since the new team took over at DMC last July [2017], we have revived this file and are moving slowly to start the process of registering madrasas within the NCT of Delhi following some criteria, so that such madrasas may avail of the benefits of SPQEM. But the real solution for this problem is to establish a madrasa board in NCT of Delhi so that it may register madrasas, conduct exams and issue certificates which are acceptable in the job market and are useful for further education. If you think Govt. of NCT of Delhi can move ahead in this direction, I will be ready to meet you with some concerned people of Delhi who think such a board will be a good thing for the Govt.to do although some conservatives will oppose it. But I think it is the duty of the government to think of the interests of thousand who graduate from madrasas every year and find themselves holding worthless degrees or certificates and end up as teachers in madrasas or imams and muezzins of mosques (*29-5-2018).*

BITE in North East Dist: A case for establishing BITE (Block Institute of Teacher Education) in the North East District was closed when representatives of the Deptt. of Education explained to DMC that as per policy no BITE may be established in a district where a DIET already exists as is the case in North-East district (*6-6-18)*. This matter is being followed up to either establish another DIET or to increase the capacity of the existing one in order to create a pool of teachers from among the minority communities. The Commission is further taking up this matter since, despite inclusion of minority in the policy and scheme for BITE, no provision is made in North East Delhi BITE for minorities.

Relief for a trouble-making student: A case of rustication of a trouble-making student by New Horizon School was amicably solved so as to save the student's academic year. Under this settlement the student was allowed to visit the school once a week, sit in the library, interact with teachers and receive copies of notes from them. He was also allowed to sit for exams for the current school year (*5-12-2017)*.

Lack of Recruitment Rules for Urdu teachers: A complaint about lack of Recruitment Rules (RR) for Urdu teachers said that due to the absence of RR no Urdu teachers are being recruited. Education Department of North Delhi Municipal Corporation replied on 15-5-18 that draft RR was sent to Director Local Bodies, GNCTD on 28-03-2018 for

notification but till date no notification was done. DMC is pursuing this matter with Director Local Bodies so that RR is issued at the earliest.

Assessing teaching of Urdu and Punjabi: DMC is also assessing with the help of Directorate of Education where Urdu and Punjabi languages are taught as subjects in Delhi schools.

No compulsory *Vande Matram* in Old Delhi schools: A controversy over making *Vande Matram* and *Gayatri Mantra* compulsory in the daily assemblies of some Old Delhi schools was solved when Asstt. Director of Education, Chandni Chowk Zone, NDMC clarified that "no such order with regard to reciting *Vande Matram* and *Gayatri Mantra* in schools during daily assembly was issued to any school of CCZ [Chandni Chowk Zone] by the undersigned" *(27-9-2017)*.

Minority status of Jamia Millia Islamia - *suo motu* notice to Jamia Millia Islamia: The National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) on February 22, 2011 had issued an order recognising the minority character of the Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI). This was supported by the Ministry of HRD, then headed by Mr Kapil Sibal, through an affidavit filed in the Delhi High Court. The current NDA government said in court that it will oppose the minority character of JMI and will file a fresh affidavit opposing the previous affidavit. The case came for hearing in Delhi High Court on 13 March, 2018. The notice for same was served to the concerned parties on 5 March, 2018. The advocate (s) of JMI did not turn up in the court. As a result, JMI's case was not contested and the judge accepted HRD Ministry's new affidavit opposing the minority status of JMI. This was a serious dereliction of duty on part of the advocates of JMI. DMC issued a notice on 22-3-2018 to the Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia to file report within two weeks replying: (1) What is the stand of the Jamia Millia Islamia on the issue of the minority status granted by the NCMEI on February 22, 2011? (2) If any, how this stand of JMI over the minority status was arrived at? Send copies of the minutes and decisions taken, if any. (3) Supply a list of the legal team of JMI. (4) Explain why no advocate from JMI appeared to defend the minority status case in the Delhi High Court on 13 March, 2018? (5) What action has been taken against the legal team of JMI for this dereliction of duty to defend the institution in this case?

Jamia Millia Islamia replied vide letter received in DMC on 19-4-2018 saying that it did not get notice from the court and that the Jamia administration is steadfast about defending the institution's minority character and has already filed a rejoinder in the court in this respect. Mr Anjum, from Jamia's legal cell who brought the reply, said in reply to questions by the Chairman DMC that there are six writ petitions in courts about Jamia's minority status since 2011. He also informed that there is a legal cell in Jamia consisting of four persons and the cell is headed by the Assistant Registrar. He said the Advocates Qadri, Zeba Khair and Amit George are responsible for this case and Jamia has issued no show cause notice to these advocates for their failure to defend the Jamia on the said date. He said the failure was due to non-receipt of the court notice.

Replying to all the queries, Registrar JMI, Shri A. P. Siddiqui, IPS, said "The Jamia Millia Islamia unequivocally supports the minority status bestowed upon the Jamia Millia Islamia by the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions. This position has been explicitly endorsed by the Jamia Millia Islamia in the affidavit filed by it before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W. P. (C) No. 1970/2011 titled *'Vijay Kumar Sharma v. National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions and Ors.'* and other connected matters…wherein the minority status of the Jamia Millia Islamia is under challenge" *(19-4-18)*.The case against Jamia Millia Islamia was closed after this clarification with the following noting: "No further action is required at present but the file may be kept open to observe future developments in this case" (*24-4-2018)*.

No proposal to affiliate Jamia schools to CBSE: DMC issued a notice to Jamia Millia on the basis of press reports that Jamia is planning to affiliate its schools to the CBSE system which was going to hurt Jamia schools' pedagogic and historical character. Moreover, affiliation to CBSE meant that girls will no longer be able to appear privately in Jamia schools exams and this was going to affect thousands of girls *(3-5-2018)*. Registrar of Jamia Millia Islamia, Shri A. P. Siddiqui (IPS), informed the Delhi Minorities Commission that no decision has been taken to affiliate Jamia schools to the CBSE system. He reassured the Commission that Jamia Millia is serious about girls' education and has even taken over a financially-weak girls' school which was facing closure. The Registrar said Jamia has always been concerned with the education of girls and students appearing privately in Jamia schools exams have always been part of Jamia's inclusive policy *(24-5-2018)*. DMC Chairman said in a press statement that Jamia administration has given a satisfactory answer to a genuine anxiety among Jamia well-wishers and the controversy should be laid to rest now *(25-5-2018)*.

Daryaganj school girl's issue solved: DMC issued a *suo motu* notice, taking into consideration *Roznama Khabrein* (27-4-2018) report that Hakim Ajmal Khan Girls Senior Secondary School has expelled Ms. Sadia d/o Muhammad Sharif of class IX for producing marksheet and Transfer certificate (TC) from a school other than the one she reportedly studied in. DMC asked in its notice (1) Why Ms. Sadia d/o Muhammad Sharif of class IX has been expelled from the school? (2) What formalities, enquiry were undertaken to reach your decision; provide copies of proof; (3) Is it correct to victimize a victim? (4) Have you ascertained that her marksheet and TC issued by RCS Convent Secondary School are forged. Has the said school supported this opinion. Produce copies of all communications, replies… (5) If a certain Oren Public School is responsible for the problem, what action have you taken against this school and have you informed Directorate of Education, Govt. of Delhi? (*27-4-2018)*. In her reply to the notice, principal of the school, Ms. Ameena Ilyas, informed DMC that the father of the girl child was asked to furnish an affidavit that his child's papers were genuine and the admission of the student was "regularised" once an affidavit to this effect was furnished to the school by her father. The said school had abruptly expelled the student because earlier she studied in an unrecognised school which procured certificates from another school, which is a common practice in Delhi *(7-5-2018)*.

Bengali school's claim of "Linguistic Minority Status": The management of the Bengali Senior Secondary School, Shyam Nath Marg, Delhi, declared itself a "Linguistic Minority Institution" and started printing the same on its stationary and school bags, allegedly to use this self-proclaimed status to give reservation to students and teaching staff. Seventeen members of the general body of the school, comprising of parents and guardians of students in the school, approached DMC for action on this development which, they believe, will affect the standard and climate in this school and will be used to create quotas for students and teachers hired by the school. The basis of the complaint is that there is no such thing as "Linguistic Minority Institution" because there are only six recognised religious minorities in the country and only their institutions get "minority status" from the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions. Moreover, the said school receives 95 percent grant from Delhi Govt. *Prima facie*, there is no such thing as "Linguistic Minority Status". Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Hon'ble Minority Affairs Minister, told Lok Sabha on 3 January, 2018 that there are "no plans to accord minority status to linguistic minorities" (*Indian Express*, 4 January, 2018). DMC issued notices to the principal of the school and Director of Education, Delhi Government, to explain (1) Is there any such thing as "Linguistic Minority Status" for educational institutions? If so, what is its basis in law, who grants this status and what are its implications? (2) Has the Bengali Senior Secondary School [Govt.-aided school], 22-A, Shyam Nath Marg, Delhi 110 054 been granted/obtained such a status? (*25-5-2018).*

Introduction of a course on "Islamic Terrorism" in JNU: Reacting to press reports that Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) is going to introduce a course on "Islamic Terrorism" in its proposed "Centre for National Security Studies", DMC issued a *suo motu* notice to Registrar, JNU asking (1) Is there any concept paper or proposal to include "Islamic Terror" in the proposed "Centre for National Security Studies"? If so, please provide a copy; (2) Is the subject of "Islamic Terror" being taught in any Indian or foreign university, if so, please provide details; (3) What areas are to be covered under this subject and what are (a) the sources, (b) methodology, (c) reference books/works/studies to be followed, and (d) who are the main experts who will take part in the implementation, research and teaching of this subject?; (4) Has the current administration of JNU considered the implications of introducing this subject in the campus, on its students and on the broader society outside? If so, please provide a copy of any such assessment note prepared on this subject; (5) Please provide a full list of the members of the Academic Council of JNU marking those who were present during the meeting where the above proposal was adopted; (6) Since there is a report that "many members" of the Academic Council objected to the introduction of this subject, was there any voting and if so what was the result; (7) Please provide a copy of the minutes of the said meeting where the subject was discussed and approved *(23-5-2018).*

In his reply dated 4-6-2018 to the DMC notice, JNU Registrar Dr Pramod Kumar, said that "there was no course on 'Islamic terror' proposed in the Academic Council". The Registrar provided DMC with a copy of a concept paper on the proposed "Centre for National Security Studies" and further informed DMC that JNU has no knowledge if a

course on "Islamic terrorism" is taught in any Indian or foreign university. He further informed DMC that a committee has been formed to consider comments received from the Academic Council members on the concept paper. The Registrar provided DMC with a copy of the minutes of the 145th Academic Council meeting where the concept paper was placed for discussion. The minutes say that some comments said some similar courses are being offered in other departments and Centres of the university and therefore, overlapping should be avoided. To discuss these comments, a committee was established during the Academic Council meeting on 1 December 2017. The Committee held a number of meetings in which it discussed suggestions and comments on the concept paper *(4-6-2018)*.

Contrary to the assurance given by the Registrar of JNU, the concept paper provided by JNU does include "Islamic Terrorism" as part of "key areas" of the proposed centre which will first do research about these areas before starting teaching them.

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Date 06/6/18

Dear Sir,

This is in reference to your letter no. **F.02(38)/Comp/DMC/2018/9021** dated 23.05.2018 regarding Suo Moto notice to JNU **Re. introduction of a course on "Islamic Terror".** This is to inform you that there was **no course on "Islamic Terror" proposed in the Academic Council.** Please find Para-wise reply for your queries raised

(1) The concept note on the Centre for National Security Studies placed before the Academic Council is attached as Annexure –I.
(2) JNU does not have any information on which Indian and foreign universities offer courses on Islamic terrorism.
(3) The concept note is self explanatory.
(4) The concept note was circulated to all Deans/Chairpersons and all members of the Academic council. The comments received form members of the Academic Council will be considered by the Committee set up by the university for this purpose.
(5) List is attached. Annexure –II
(6) Academic Council members were requested to submit written comments and observations on the proposed centre for consideration of the committee.
(7) A copy of the relevant resolution in the Academic Council is being provided. Annexure-III

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,

Encl.: a/a

(Dr. Pramod Kumar)

DMC's reply to Registrar, JNU: "You say that 'there was no course on "Islamic Terror" proposed in the Academic Council,' but we find that 'Islamic terrorism' is mentioned as part of 'key areas' under 'Areas of Work' for the proposed Centre for National Security Studies. You may be technically correct taking the plea that the issues related to the proposed Centre are still not finalized and that members of the Academic Council have been asked to submit their comments and suggestions for consideration by a special committee established for this purpose. While DMC appreciates the idea of the Centre for National Security Studies, it finds repulsive the notion of introducing 'Islamic Terrorism' as a subject of research and teaching because this subject is very much publicized and hyped by Islamophobic powers at home and abroad. Moreover, this will cause deterioration of the communal atmosphere in the campus and beyond and will create wrong notions about Indian Muslims. DMC advises you to introduce 'religious terrorism' as a subject because some followers of all major religions have used religion as a cover for their political ambitions. A larger focus will cover this phenomenon properly and will help in a better understanding of the scourge of terrorism. In this way you will also avoid spreading communalism in the campus and beyond. The Commission will continue to monitor this issue and, if need be, will take further action" *(18-6-2018).*

Letter to Shri Manish Sisodia, Hon'ble Dy. CM & Education Minister of Delhi, about a destitute woman's son expelled by school: A poor woman, who sells vegetables in Katwariya Sarai, has been unsuccessfully knocking on all doors to get her child admitted to a school. Shivam, the son of this woman called Mamta Devi, was expelled by Kendriya Vidyalaya JNU and given transfer certificate after failing twice in the 9th class. No school in the area is ready to accept this child. DMC Chairman wrote to Dy. CM &Education Minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia as well as to Saumiya Gupta, director of Education, to help this child get admission in some school in the area. Chairman said in his letters that instead of expelling the child, the school and its teachers should be taken to task to explain how a child failed twice in the 9th class (*11-5-2018).*

Qaumi School: Chairman DMC's letter to Hon'ble CM, Shri Arvind Kejriwal: "I wish to bring to your kind notice that the issue of Qaumi School, running in Eidgah, Quraish Nagar, for the last 41 years after its 23-roomed five-story building was demolished by DDA during Emergency on 30 June, 1976 with a promise that the school building will be built at another place within six months. The school was originally built in 1948. During my private meeting with you about a year ago, you had promised that this issue will be settled very soon and that the said school will be allotted land. But nothing has happened till date and the matter has reached Delhi High Court which has asked Hon'ble Lt. Governor to meet the concerned parties and a report should be submitted to the court on the next hearing on 5 December, 2017. During the hearing of the case in the Delhi High Court, the Delhi government pleader startled all by saying that the school should be closed and students be absorbed in the nearby Corporation schools. This is totally unfair and goes against the decades-old assurances that the issue will be solved. Moreover, Qaumi School is an Urdu-medium school which means students will be denied education in their mother tongue if transferred to other schools in the area. It is my

earnest appeal to you to allot a piece of land and adequate funds for the rebuilding of this old school before the next date of the hearing in the Delhi High Court. Qaumi School is being run for the last 41 years in tents on the Eidgah land. It has been a persistent demand of the Delhi minority community that this school must be rebuilt as promised in 1976. By taking a positive step and redeeming your earlier promise, you will send a good and positive message about the intentions and plans of your government…" *(22-9-2017).*

Urdu teachers in Govt. schools: Chairman DMC's letter to Hon'ble Dy. CM, Shri Manish Sisodia: "There are a few small festering issues which continuously pain the Muslim community of Delhi. A little care and concern from the government can resolve these issues. One of these small issues is the problem of the Urdu teachers appointed by the Delhi Urdu Academy and deputed to various schools in Delhi. As of now, there are 91 such teachers…The oldest in service was appointed in 1986 (31 years ago) and the latest one was appointed in 2009 (eight years ago). Despite this long service, they are still temporary subject to a 10-month contract each year. They get no pension; enjoy no provident fund or annual holiday while TDS is deducted from their meagre salaries. They get no ID cards (although Punjabi Academy issues ID cards to similar teachers), receive no medical benefits despite court order to give them medical facility. They got the benefit of the 6th pay commission only after they went to the High Court in 2010 but, because they were working part-time at the time, they got only 50% benefits (now they are full-time since 2011). Kashmiri migrant teachers, who were appointed *ten years after* these teachers, were made permanent by your government some two months ago. It is their demand that their posts be merged into Deptt. of Education instead of Delhi Urdu Academy and they be made permanent after these long years of service. They may be absorbed as part of the 610 Urdu teachers vacancies already sanctioned by Govt. of NCT of Delhi which are yet to be filled. Both these demands are just, we support them and approach you to kindly solve this small problem which will send a good message to the Muslim community of Delhi" *(13-11-2017).*

Closure of unrecognised private schools: DMC Chairman's letter to Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister & Minister of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi: "According to press reports, Delhi Government has taken a decision to close down all "unrecognised schools" by 1st April, 2018. Reportedly around 3,000 such schools will be affected where around 1. 5 million students are getting education. Parents and guardians, anxious to educate their children go to such schools only because government and "recognised" schools fail to accommodate all Delhi children seeking admission. Under RTE Act, all children of a certain age must go to schools, and parents are penalised if they fail to send their children to schools. Now since government is unable to accommodate all children in its schools and recognised schools also fail to enrol all applicants, it is legally and morally incorrect to close down private un-recognised schools before providing an alternative for children who fail to get admission in recognised schools. It is, therefore, our advice that the government must not resort to such a questionable measure which will push lakhs of children to streets where they will be prone to crime and waywardness which in the long-run will harm society (*22-2-2018).*

Only 40 percent Muslim children go to schools: A press report (*Inquilab*, 10 April, 2018) said that only 40 percent Muslim children in New Usmanpur area go to schools; rest are not going to schools due to various reasons including difficulties in securing admissions in schools. DMC issued a *suo motu* notice to Dy. Director of Education of the area to reply: (1) has the department of education conducted any survey of such children who are not going to schools and determined reasons thereof?; (2) Why government schools are not accepting applicants?; (3) Are there adequate schools in the area? (*16-6-2018)*

Prakrit Academy in Delhi: DMC Chairman's letter to Shri Manish Sisodia, Hon'ble Dy. CM and Minister of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi: "During a recent meeting of Delhi Minorities Commission's Jain Advisory Committee, members strongly suggested that as for other languages, there should also a Prakrit Academy in Delhi on the pattern of Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi academies. Prakrit language has great importance for the Jain community as its religious and history texts are preserved in this language. Delhi Minorities Commission supports this proposal and asks you to give it a sincere and serious consideration at the earliest" (*6-9-2017).*

DARGAHS, MOSQUES, QABRISTANS, CHURCHES, GURUDWARAS& TEMPLES

Masjid Bilal, Holambi Kalan: A complaint by the committee of Masjid Bilal, Holambi Kalan, was vigorously pursued but finally it transpired that the said structure was totally illegal and unauthorized, hence the case was closed after a hearing on 1-11-2017.

Dargah Shah-e Mardan: A case filed by Dargah Shahe-Mardan is being pursued where the Dargah management is claiming that DDA is trying to usurp part of its land and has tried to put up its signboard on the land. Each party claims that the land belongs to it. The case is continuing.

Road leading to Masjid Kalan Mahal, Mehrauli blocked: DMC took *sou motu* cognisance of a press report (*Inquilab*, 30-11-17) that the road leading to the mosque has been blocked at the orders of the SDM, Mehrauli, and DDA. Notices issued to SDM, SHO, Mehrauli and Delhi Waqf Board (*13-12-18)*. SDM replied that no such orders have been issued by his office; any dispute between DWB and DDA should be dealt with directly between the two parties (*19-12-17).*

Lal Masjid: CRFP directed to maintain *status quo:* DMC took note of press reports about attempts to occupy a plot of land on part of which Lal Masjid, madrasa, *mazar* and graves stand off Lodhi Road in South Delhi, and issued notices to the Dy. Commissioner of Police, South District *and* DG, Central Reserve Police Force, CGO Complex. DCP South said in his reply, *inter alia,* said that "damaging the grave-yards and Lal Masjid situated in the said plot are false and baseless" (Dy. Commissioner of Police, South District, ref. letter 127/III-A/7027/SDC/SD dated 10-10-2017) while DG, Central Reserve Police Force, CGO Complex said "Lal Masjid and graveyards in the land in question have

not been interfered with by the department and sentiments of minority community have not been harmed" (DG, Central Reserve Police Force, CGO Complex, Bloc -1, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110 001 – letter No. A. II-1/2016-Adm-3—No. B. V. 02/2017/Law-DA-V dated 5-10-2017). Contrary to these assurances, CRPF on 26-2-2018 took over most of the graveyard area, fenced it and also damaged parts of the mosque, cut off its electricity and cut off its water supply and damaged the mosque area used for ablutions. There was a lot of resentment in the Muslim community of Delhi about this development which apparently was undertaken while the issue was still *sub judice* and apparently there is a High Court stay order in the matter.

DMC issued a notice to the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) to explain how and why it occupied the land of Lal Masjid in CGO Complex area near Lodhi Road. The CRPF had occupied a large part of the land on 26 February 2018 when it also caused damage to the mosque and adjacent graves. CRPF said in its reply that it has been allotted the land by a competent authority and had occupied it only with the permission of the Delhi High Court. CRPF said that per HC order it has not touched the Lal Masjid or the adjacent graves. Chairman DMC inspected the site personally on 28 February and again on 21 May, 2018. During the first visit he found that both power and water supplies were cut off and the ablution area (*wazukhana*) was broken. On the second visit, he found that power and water supplies had been restored and the ablution area was repaired. Wife of the caretaker of the mosque told DMC Chairman that CRPF has connected the mosque's water pipe to its supply line which is erratic as the CRPF jawans restore water supply or cut it off at will. Lal Masjid's electricity supply has been connected to that of a hut on the site.

Scene at the site after occupation using police force on 26 February 2018

Muslims pray at the site after partial demolition of the madrasa and Masjid

In the light of the inspection visit and CRPF replies, DMC issued the following directives to CRPF: (1) Allow the mosque to connect to its original electric supply line; (2) allow uninterrupted water supply to the mosque from your source or allow the caretaker to reconnect to the previous Jal Board pipeline connection; (3) No changes should be made in the *status quo.* DMC further directed CRPF to preserve the graves in the fenced area under its control and also told it not to shut the access road to the mosque/graves. DMC order said closure of the mosque access road in order to enlarge CRPF access road is a violation of the Hon'ble High Court's order to maintain the *status quo (28-5-2018).*

DMC Chairman had found during his 28-2-2018 visit that a large area has been fenced wherein some *pucca* graves were visible from behind the green curtain; the mosque was standing but some of its parts had been demolished like the ablution area (*wazukhana*), its electricity connection was disconnected; its water connection too was disconnected. The mosque caretaker alleged that he has been stopped from joining the water connection to another nearby supply line. Wife of the caretaker (Smt. Nafisa) told the Chairman DMC that Babulal Meena, a three-starred officer at the site, is threatening that the mosque and the remaining part of the graveyard too will be erased soon. Dir. Gen., CRPF replied that there is no connection for water supply on the land and water is being supplied through tankers; that the *status quo* is being maintained with utmost care as per the direction of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court; that the graves available in the fenced area as well [as] adjacent to the Mosque are available in their original condition; no road has been closed down by CRPF. The mosque opens directly on [to] the main road…the department has

taken possession of the vacant land and the areas of Lal Masjid and the graves are preserved" (*5-7-2018).*

Graveyard in Tehkhand, Okhla Industrial Area: A complaint that a graveyard in Tehkhand, Okhla Industrial Area is being illegally occupied and that dirty water is allowed to flow into the graveyard was taken up (*23-11-17)* by DMC with Delhi Waqf Board which assured DMC that it is looking into the problem, has written to the Commissioner MCD for immediate action to remove the collected sewage water and to stop the flow of sewage water into the graveyard (*7-12-17).* In a subsequent communication, DWB informed DMC that the work of construction of the boundary wall has to be started soon by the Department of Biodiversity and DDA (*1-3-18)*. In a follow-up communication, DWB informed DMC that the work on the construction of the wall will start within "three days" (*15-3-18)*. In another follow-up report, DWB informed DMCX that about 125-150 feet-long boundary has been erected and wire fencing has been provided in the north-east side of the graveyard by DDA but the construction of the wall was yet to be completed and that the sewage water was yet to be blocked by SDMC *(7-6-18).*

Demolition of shanties in a *qabristan* near Mata Sunderi Lane: Regarding demolition of shanties in a *qabristan* near Mata Sunderi Lane, DMC was informed by Police that the action was taken to dismantle unauthorized construction on 29-11-17 by L&DO/PWD for which Police protection was provided at the request of the L&D Deptt. of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. Union Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs replied (*12-4-18)* to a notice by DMC saying that the takeover of the land in Mata Sunderi Lane with the help of the police was legal and valid. A society styled as "Awqaf Protection Council" had filed a case in Delhi High Court in 2002 regarding this land but it failed to prove in the court that the land was a *qabristan*. The said land on *khasra* No. 142 was surveyed on 14-3-2005 and it came out that the said land is part of a *gurudwara*. The same land was surveyed again on 9 May, 2012 in the presence of representatives of various departments, including Delhi Waqf Board (DWB) and the result was that the said land is part of a *gurudwara* but the representative of DWB refused to sign the report. Delhi High Court found that by notification no. 775 of 21 December 1911, Government of India had taken over this land. On the basis of this, the HC decided that the plaintiff has no legal case and on the same basis the demolition of the shanties took place on 29 November, 2017.

Plan to convert Dargah land into a parking lot: According to media reports (*e.g., Rashtriya Sahara*, 4-5-2018 and *Dawat*, 7-5-2018), there are plans to convert the land of Dargah Shah Kaleemullah opposite the Red Fort into a "heritage parking" to serve the visitors of the nearby "Heritage haveli". Dargah caretaker (*Mutawalli)*, residents of the area and shopkeepers oppose this move and point to the fact that there is no need for a car parking here since a parking lot at the nearby Subhash Maidan already exists. DMC issued *(25-5-2018)*a notice to the Delhi Waqf Board to explain what steps it is taking to protect the Dargah land and why this land is required when a parking lot exists in the nearby Subhash Maidan. Delhi Waqf Board has informed DMC that the caretaker of the

dargah, Sajid Farooq, has obtained a stay order from Delhi High Court and as a result the work on converting the land into a heritage parking has stopped for the time-being. The next date for hearing in the case is 16 August, 2018 (*7-6-2018).*

***Suo motu* notice against stoppage of *namaz* by anti-socials in Gulshan Masjid, Mehrauli:** According to a press report (*Inquilab* 9-5-2018), anti-socials have not been allowing *namaz* in the Gulshan Masjid Mosque, Mehrauli. They force their way into the mosque, misbehave with the Imam, tear down mats, calendar and prayer rugs (*ja-namaaz*). Such incidents have been taking place from time to time in this mosque but police did not take any action against the culprits despite complaints. Last year [2017] anti-socials had barged into the mosque and damaged graves inside the compound. The Imam, appointed by Delhi Waqf Board, informed the DWB about this. DMC issued notices about this to the Delhi Waqf Board, DCP South, and SDM South Distt, Mehrauli, asking them to reply to (1) What action has been taken against anti-socials who barge into Gulshan Mosque, Mehrauli, tear down prayer mats etc. and stop *namaz* in the mosque managed by Delhi Waqf Board and (2) what action was taken when similar hooligans had earlier damaged graves inside this mosque's compound? *(11-5-2018).* DWB replied that it has submitted a complaint to the Dy. Director (Horticulture) Shaikh Sarai *(5-6-2018).*

The caretaker Ghazi Nurul Hasan in front of the mazars at Dargah Khwaja Syed Ibrahim

Dargah Khwaja Syed Ibrahim: Situated off Mother Teresa Crescent opposite Rashtrapati Bhawan's gate 28, this dargah is facing acute water problem. According to the caretaker of the Dargah, Ghazi Nurul Hasan, the Presidential Guard during the term of President Sanjiva Reddy occupied this land, which is part of the Delhi Ridge, and converted it into a polo ground. In the process, they demolished many graves on this land and started using the road leading to the Dargah to dry their horses' dung. According to the caretaker, the Deputy Commissioner of the area demolished the madrasa attached to the dargah two years ago and in the process cut off its electricity and water supplies as well. A year ago, the electricity line was restored but the water line still remains cut off. DMC Chairman visited this place on 14-3-

2018 to understand the nature of the problem. The caretaker and Shri BK Khosla of the Shrimati Nihal Devi Trust had also complained to the PMO which directed NDMC and Delhi Jal Board in March 2018 to restore the water supply. But, despite the passage of three months, no action was taken, hence, DMC issued notices to NDMC and Delhi Jal Board on 22-5-2018to explain the causes of the delay and to restore the Dargah's water supply without any further delay. DJB is adamant that since the complainant (Shrimati Nihal Devi Trust) is located somewhere else, the problem should be fixed by the DJB in that area. DJB has been reminded that the complaint all along has been about the Dargah Khwaja Syed Ibrahim.

Masjid Chand Sitara, Mahrauli: Delhi Waqf Board (DWB), in a reply to a notice by DMC (20-3-2018), informed DMC that DDA did not fully block the passage leading to Chand Sitara Masjid in Mehrauli which was gazetted in 1970 and belongs to the DWB. DWB added that the passage was only partially blocked by the order of Delhi High Court to stop illegal construction and unauthorised parking in the area. DWB said DDA has left a 2.5 feet wide passage which is enough for access to the mosque *(13-6-2018).*

Shahi Eidgah in Sarai Khaleel, Sadar Bazar – notice to Delhi Waqf Board, Delhi: According to *Roznama Khabrein* (11-11-2017), the Shahi Eidgah in Sarai Khaleel, Sadar Bazar, Delhi 110055 has become a playground at day time and a haunt of drunkards and anti-socials at night. It is also being used as a parking lot which is affecting the sanctity of this historic religious place whose boundary is cracking at places. Concerned people of the area are asking for guards to be deployed at the place, repair of the boundary and maintenance of the parks inside the Eidgah. This historic place of worship was built in 1658 AD (*1-2-2018).* DWB replied that the children of surrounding areas have made the Eidgah their playground; children of the nearby Qaumi School use the Eidgah as a playground and park their bicycles there; the managing committee of the Eidgah has installed a board which says people are not allowed to go inside the Eidgah with their shoes on and not to park their vehicles there; instructions in this respect have been issued to the Principal, Sr. Sec. School, and to the person[s] who are managing the affairs of the Eidgah (*3-4-2018).*

Another notice was served on DWB regarding the Shahi Eidgah in Sarai Khaleel because of the misuse of its premises by anti-socials who drink liquor there, its use for parking. DMC asked: were its earlier direction complied with, were *chowkidars* appointed for the Eidgarh, was a boundary wall built around it and are the parks inside the Eidgah being taken care of (*4-4-2018).*

Notice against the demolition of mosque in Mehrauli: A centuries-old mosque in Masjid Makhdoom Shah Colony near Andheria Mor, Mehrauli, has been usurped by some Muslims. They sold it to a builder who demolished the old mosque and is now busy erecting a multi-storeyed building on its site. Local residents informed Police and Delhi Waqf Board but no action was taken and the construction work continuing unabated. This mosque belongs to the Delhi Waqf Board. Upon receiving a complaint from local people, Delhi Minorities Commission issued notices to the DCP South, Delhi Waqf Board and

SDM South to explain what steps have been taken to stop this illegal construction activity (*10-5-2018).* Building activity was stopped and the construction site was sealed by SDM. DWB said in its report that "this waqf property is under the management of a Managing Committee and the local residents of the area moved to [*sic*] Delhi High Court and got status quo [*sic*] against the construction, now the construction has been stopped and the next date of hearing is fixed on 8-10-2018 (*7-6-2018).*

Pavement of Church broken – notice to NDMC, DCP North: The pavement outside the Methodist Church in Dhaka camp, Kingsway, was broken by North Delhi Municipal Corporation on 14-3-2018 without any prior notice. An emergency meeting was held at DMC conference hall with church leaders same afternoon and DMC Member Anastasia Gill visited the site in the evening. A notice was issued to NDMC about this discriminatory act which was undertaken without any warning.

DMC Member Ms. Anastasia Gill visiting the site of the Methodist church in Dhaka where the pavement was demolished on 14 March, 2018

Dargah Shaikh Samauddin: Encroachments and illegal construction have been going on, on the land of Dargah-Mosque of Shaikh Makhdoom Samauddin in Mehrauli. Delhi Waqf Board (DWB) replied (*7-6-18)* to a notice by Delhi Minorities Commission that the managing committee of the *dargah* and local residents have acquired a stay order from Delhi High Court on the illegal construction on the dargah land. DWB added in its reply that the problem of this *dargah* lies in the fact that although its land on *khasra* 1151/3 is notified in the gazette of 1970 as "waqf land" but the exact area of the dargah has not

been earmarked and notified. DMC is trying to get concerned officials to survey the land in order to determine the exact area of the dargah land so that a boundary wall may be erected around the total area of the campus.

Demolition of Ladla Kuan Masjid and erection of a building on the site: According to *Inquilab* daily (17-3-18), Ladla Kuan Masjid located on Roshanara Road in Old Subzi Mandi area has been demolished and a building is being constructed on the site. According to the report, Delhi Waqf Board has been informed and it accepted that the said Masjid is on its record but it is not taking the matter seriously. Notice issued to Delhi Waqf Board (DWB) to file a report about this incident and what it is doing to protect it *(26-3-2018)*. DWB replied that the said construction is not taking place at the site of the Ladla Masjid but at the adjacent plot number 5012 while the gazetted plot number of Ladla Masjid is 5006-5011 *(9-4-2018)*.

Notices on conversion of tomb to temple: Taking*suo motu* cognizance of a press report about conversion of a tomb to temple in South Delhi, DMC issued notices to the area Deputy Commissioner of Police, Delhi Archaeology Department and Archaeological Survey of India to enquire into the incident and file reports about the conversion of a Tughlaq era tomb to a temple in Humayunpur village in Safdarjang Enclave area. DMC asked these authorities (1) to file an urgent report on the conversion of the tomb into a temple; (2) explain what security was provided to the tomb; (3) has any enquiry been held to find out the culprits and if so; (4) what action has been taken against them; (5) what action has been taken again the people who illegally converted a notified heritage site into a temple; and (6) what steps are being taken to reclaim the structure to its original shape and purpose *(11-5-18)*. Department of Archeology, Govt. of NCT of Delhi replied that the said monument of the Pathan era is of "local importance". Until now it is an unprotected monument. The said department had issued a preliminary notification dated 11-8-2009 in the official gazette showing its intention to declare this unprotected monument as protected monument but the final/confirmatory notification to declare it a protected monument is yet to be issued. It also informed in its reply that the department had proactively requested SHO Safdarjung Enclave on 23-6-17 to provide necessary police protection as and when required to INTACH for undertaking its conservation work. The reply added that on 14-3-18 it requested police help in removing the said encroachments from the monument and also provide police protection to officials of the department and INTACH Delhi Chapter for undertaking the conservation work of the said monument. The reply further clarified that the department provides security guards only to the monuments declared as protected under the provisions of its Act or which have been conserved by the department in a phased manner. The department further said in its reply that it has written to DCP (South) requesting help in removing the said encroachment from the monument and also to provide protection to the officials of the department and INTACH Delhi Chapter for undertaking the conservation work of the said monument (*23-5-2018)*.

Tughlaq era tomb (left) converted to a temple in Humayunpur village in Safdarjang Enclave area, South Delhi (Source: Indian Express, 4 May, 2018)

Desecration of Khirki Masjid, Khirki village, Delhi: According to press reports (*Indian Express*, 9-6-2018; *Roznama Khabrein* and *Sahafat*, 10-6-2018), concerted attempts are being made to change the character of the historic Khirki Mosque situated in Khirki village in Delhi. The word "Mosque" is being repeatedly erased from the ASI sign-board placed outside the mosque despite the fact that, being a historic and protected monument of the Tughlak era, it has three guards posted on the site. There are also attempts to propagate that this mosque is actually a fort of Maharana Pratap Singh. Notice issued to the Archaeological Survey of India why this desecration is committed regularly, what action it has taken so far and why ASI's guards on the site fail to catch the culprits; and what steps ASI has taken to refute the claim that the mosque is a fort of Maharana Pratap which is a travesty of history (*19-6-2018).*

Mazar Syed Baba or "Mazar Pir Baba" in Sector 9, Rohini: Reacting *suo motu* on the report of *The Hindu* (6 Nov., 2017), regarding attempts to convert Mazar Syed Baba or "Mazar Pir Baba" in Sector 9, Rohini, DMC wrote to DCP Rohini to file a report. DCP replied that the said mazar exists for the last 30 years and that both Muslims and Sikhs visit it every Thursday. An attempt was made to destroy the *mazar* on 31 May, 2017 when tiles of Hindu deities were fixed at the place. Local police made enquiries but failed to find the culprit. Police filed a case against unknown persons under Section 295 and the *mazar* exists in its place as before (DCP Rohini, *4-2-2018*). DCP Rohini was directed to keep DMC informed about any development in this case (*22-2-18)*

Jain Monuments: Chairman DMC's letter to Director, ASI: "During a meeting of the Delhi Minorities Commission's Jain Advisory Committee, members complained that Jain

monuments across the country are being neglected although they represent an import part of the country's heritage and history. Members strongly suggested that Archaeological Survey of India should pay serious attention to this issue and start the repair and renovation of these monuments urgently. Delhi Minorities Commission supports this proposal and asks you to take necessary steps on an urgent basis to save these treasures of our heritage and history" *(7-9-2017).*

Complaint against Horticultural Department's demolition of mosque in Rajiv Gandhi Camp, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi 110 026: The complaint said that this JJ area exists for the last 30-35 years and a mosque and madrasa exist since the last ten years in *jhuggi* no. A-25 near jhuggies 8 and 9. This mosque/madrasa was demolished by the Horticulture Deptt of MCD with the help of PS Punjabi Bagh on 8-8-17 without giving any notice or prior warning. This is in violation of Deptt of Urban Development, Govt. of NCT of Delhi order F. No. 730/UD/BSUP/2016/CD No. 0213661/3014-12 dated ///12-2017 which says that "Jhuggi Jhopri bastis which have come up before01.01.2006 shall not be removed (as per National Capital Territory Laws (Special Provisions) Second Act 2011 without providing them alternative housing. Jhuggi Jhopri Bastis before 01.01.2015 shall not be demolished without providing alternate housing. "It is clear the order does not pertain to housing jhuggis only. According to the complaint, the demolition was without warning, without notice, without the order of competent authority and without the approval of the religious committee of MCD. DMC issued notice to the Horticulture Deptt., MCD and DCP West Delhi to reply to the following: (1) Under what order the madrasa/masjid at Jhuggi no. A-25 near jhuggies 8 and 9, Rajiv Gandhi Camp, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi 110 026 was demolished; (2) was any notice/warning given to the said masjid/madrasa before demolition, (3) Why the order of the Deptt. of Urban Development, Govt. of NCT of Delhi order F. No. 730/UD/BSUP/2016/CD No. 0213661/3014-12 dated ///12-2017 was flouted, which says that "Jhuggi Jhopri bastis which have come up before01.01.2006 shall not be removed (as per National Capital Territory Laws (Special Provisions) Second Act 2011 without providing them alternative housing. Jhuggi Jhopri bastis before 01.01.2015 shall not be demolished without providing alternate housing;" (4) was the approval of the religious committee of the MCD obtained. If yes, to any question, attach documentary proof/copies *(21-6-2018).*

SCHOLARSHIPS, RE-IMBURSEMENT OF FEES AND STATIONERY HELP

DMC received a large number of verbal and written complaints about non-receipt of scholarships, stationery help and reimbursement of school tuition fees. In most cases, complainants were advised to directly approach the concerned department (SC/ST/OBC/Minorities Department). In many cases, DMC staff helped complainants interact successfully with the staff in the SC/ST/OBC/Minorities Department without registering a formal complaint. However, DMC registered a number of cases in such matters during the review period, mostly with success. Problems like missing papers, wrong Aadhaar card number or bank account numbers or some discrepancy in the

application were solved. The small number of successful applications for scholarships (*see below)* is a matter of concern.

Reasons for rejection not clear: DMC has asked the concerned department (SC/ST/OBC/Minorities) to provide a detailed list of scholarship applications during the last three years, numbers of rejected applications and the reason (s) for their rejections. A reply was received after a number of reminders but the numbers of community-wise rejections and reasons thereof are yet to be provided to DMC despite reminders. The numbers of applications, rejections and successful cases are still meagre considering the large number of minorities in Delhi. Proper advertising in minority areas through posters and in relevant newspapers is lacking. DMC has been trying to educate the masses about the Central and state schemes and has held around two dozen camps in minority areas, distributed booklets and tried to reach out through members of DMC advisory committees and empanelled NGOs but still ordinary people do not know about these and other schemes. It is suggested that notice boards should be installed in front of places of worship, community facilities and NGO offices to advertise these facilities from time to time.

Numbers of scholarships in 2017-18: Department of Welfare of SC/ST/OBC/Minoritiesinformed DMC that a total of 85330 applications were received in the three state-funded schemes for SC/ST/OBC/Minorities, out of which there were 28864 applications by minority community students *(16-7-2018).* The number of these applications is meagre to say the least and only a part of these applications was approved as the following chart of the results of minority applications says *(supplied by the Department of Welfare of SC/ST/OBC/Minorities informed DMC vide letter no. 6860 dated 25-5-2018):*

Sr.	Scheme Name	Total Application Received	Number of application recommended at zone/distt. level	Number of application pending at verification level	No. of application rejected by zone/distt. level	No. of application approved but not disbursed yet at DSCST level
1	Financial assistance for purchase of stationary to minority students	10863	2137	6461	38	2120
2	Scholarship/Merit scholarship for Minority students (I to XII class)	11080	1655	6967	34	1637
3	Reimbursement of tuition fee to minority students	6921	1432	2872	14	1422

DMC has been asking Department of Welfare of SC/ST/OBC/Minorities about the reasons for rejections and community-wise breakup of the applications but so far no clear replies have been received.

Income certificate issued by SDMS: DMC wrote to Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Hon'ble Union Minister for Minority Affairs (*27-09-2017)* and also to the Secretary, Department of Welfare of SC/ST/OBC/Minorities, regarding the unnecessary requirement of income certificates issued by an SDM and has urged that the earlier system of self-declaration should be revived in the case of Post-Matric Scholarships for SC/ST/OBC/Minorities as in other schemes where a self-declaration is acceptable *(18-8-2017).*

LETTERS TO GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL ADVOCACY

DMC Chairman and Members wrote many letters to various members of Delhi, Central and state governments and departments. Some of letters are mentioned under various headings, some others are as follows:

Appointment of *sadhus* as ministers in Madhya Pradesh, Chairman DMC's letter to Hon'ble Chief Justice of India: "Recently Madhya Pradesh State government has given five sadhus the status of Minister of State with all the perks of the rank. I believe it goes against the secular values of our Constitution and polity to confer such honour on religious personalities. It is also a clear waste of state resources. It is part of the said state's communal policies to create a vote-bank and to polarize voters. I respectfully request you to kindly take *sou moto* notice of this flagrant misuse of power by a state government. A few newspaper cuttings are attached herewith for your kind perusal" *(12-4-2018).*

Rape of child Asifa in Jammu – Chairman DMC's letter to CM, J&K Mohtarma Mehbooba Mufti: "Like millions in our country and abroad, I am deeply hurt and pained by the bestial treatment meted out to little Asifa and the attempts to turn it into a communal issue. My sympathies are with the bereaved family and the people of J&K who have been shocked by such cruelty and the attempts to justify the same. While I would like to add my voice to those asking you to announce a reasonable compensation to the bereaved family, please allow me to point to the basic issue behind this crime. As I have been able to understand, the heinous crime was an attempt to scare away Bakerwals from the area. The reason is that the hapless Bakerwals and Gujjars of J&K do not enjoy adequate legal protection to their age-old practice of access to meadows and forests. Not only common people but even local authorities in Jammu exploit this lacuna and try to harass and dislodge these weak communities. The only way to address this problem and protect these vulnerable communities is to extend to J&K 'The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006' which was passed by Parliament on 18 December, 2006 and is applicable to all parts of India except the State of Jammu & Kashmir. This law gives protection to the traditional inhabitants of forests and users thereof. It is my earnest appeal is you to kindly take urgent steps to extend this Act to Jammu & Kashmir so that the helpless Bakerwal and Gujjar communities are properly protected in the state. If this is done in right earnest, many more Asifas and their families will be saved and protected in future" *(16-4-2018).*

Closure of *Thaqafatul Hind* - letter to Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs Smt. Sushma Swaraj: "I am alarmed to know that Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR), which is controlled by your ministry, has stopped the publication of its Arabic quarterly journal. *Thaqafatul Hind,* and now it is contemplating to close down its library

also. Both these steps are injurious to the very purpose for which ICCR was established some 65 years ago. *Thaqafatul Hind* has served as an important bridge between India and the 23 countries of the Arab World stretching from Morocco on the Atlantic to Oman on the Arabian Sea which is also shared by our western coast. Our country is bound by important cultural and historical ties with this region. Currently, around 7.5 million Indians are working in this area which is also a major source of our oil and gas supplies. Closure of *Thaqafatul Hind* will be against our vast interests in this region. In fact, we should further strengthen our cultural, literary and arts ties with this region and enhance people-to-people contacts with those countries. It is my earnest appeal to you to kindly reconsider this matter and continue this important magazine as well as to look into other ways to strengthen cultural relations with the Arab World which forms an important part of Asia and Africa. The official language of these countries is Arabic. Also, please make it sure that the library of ICCR is kept open, functioning and accessible to the general public. A library has an important place in the life of any civilized and educated society. The importance of ICCR Library is further enhanced by the fact that the private library of India's first education minister Maulana Abul Kalam Azad formed the nucleus of this library" *(17-4-2018).*

Plight of Sikhs in Shillong -- Chairman DMC's letter to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya Sh. Conrad Sangma: "We are very much concerned about the ongoing violence against Sikh citizens in Shillong. We believe it is a clear failure of the law and order machinery to control the situation and bring the culprits to justice. The Delhi Minorities Commission hopes your administration will rise to the occasion and discharge its responsibilities without discrimination. Mobs must never be allowed to rule the streets of any part of our country. Rule of mobs means a total failure of the lawful authorities to discharge their duties under Constitution and Law. We hope a strict message will be conveyed to the mobsters and their political supporters that their tactics will not be tolerated at any cost and for any consideration." (*7-6-2018; Chairman DMC also sent a letter in this respect to the Dy. Commissioner of Shillong where the disturbances took place)*

UTP from Delhi in Odisha jail – letter to the Director, Prisons & Correctional Services, Odisha and to the Home Secretary, Govt. of Odisha: "Shri Amanpreet Singh Bhatia, a UTP from Delhi, is incarcerated in Circle Sambalpur Jail in Odisha. He is complaining that due to adverse living conditions in the jail, he is suffering from severe skin infections, and that despite repeated requests, he is not getting proper medical treatment. Kindly see to it that the said UTP gets proper medical treatment and that good hygiene is ensured to this and all inmates which is their right under the Jail Manual *(7-6-2018).*

Polyclinic in Inderlok: Letter by Chairman DMC to Shri Satyandar Jain, Hon'ble Minister of Health, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, regarding the request of area RWA to establish polyclinic in Inderlok: "The Resident Welfare Association (Regd.) of Tulsi Nagar & DDA Flats, Inderlok, Delhi-110035 is desirous that a Polyclinic be established in its area. This will help thousands of poor people of the area who cannot afford private

medical care and have to travel about 15 kms to get treatment at a government hospital due to lack of government medical facility in the area. They have also identified a two-storey building belonging to the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board in the area which is lying vacant for the last 30 years as they say. I am attaching a copy of their application and photos of the vacant building where the polyclinic facility may be started. Kindly look into the matter and take appropriate action at the earliest" *(27-10-2017).*

Appointment of pharmacists in Unani dispensaries: Chairman DMC's letter to Shri Shripad Naik, Hon'ble Minister of AYUSH: "It has come to our notice that Unani units running under CGHS are without any pharmacist, that the last pharmacist posted at CGHS Unani clinical Mansrover Park in Shahdara, Delhi retired on 29 September, 2017 and now there are no pharmacists in CGHS Unani clinics in Delhi. It is against the rules to use employees for duties for which they were not recruited. It has also come to our notice that the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) is without a permanent director for the last three years. Undoubtedly, this affects the work of such an important institution. We request you to kindly issue orders to appoint pharmacists in all CGHS Unani clinics and also to appoint a full-time permanent director for CCRUM" *(4-10-2017).* Hon'ble Minister AYUSH replied: "I acknowledge the receipt of your letter no. F. PA/DMC/Misc. /2017/1030 dated 04th October, 2017 regarding appointment of pharmacists in all CGHS Unani clinics and also to appoint a full-time permanent director of CCRUM. I am having the matter looked into" *(31-10-2017).*

Income certificates issued by SDMs – Chairman DMC's letter Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Hon'ble Minister of Minority Affairs: "We have received a number of complaints that central and state scholarship schemes for minority students have been made difficult by the requirement to produce income certificates from SDMs. Perhaps this is the reason why alarmingly low numbers are applying now for these scholarships. It is our respectful submission that the earlier method of self-declaration of income should be re-adopted to make life easier for our students who are finding it difficult to procure documents and upload them in time. This relaxation for both state and central government scholarships will go a long way to mitigate the hardships faced by our students. I hope this suggestion will be studied with care and sympathy" *(27-9-2017).*

Plan to close down six schools in Old Delhi – Chairman DMC's letter to Shri Manish Sisodia, Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister & Education Minister: "Urdu newspapers today have published the alarming news that you have ordered heads of six school of Old Delhi to follow your circular of 7 July, 2017, to merge these schools into other schools in the area. Later, after an outcry you reportedly had issued another circular on 14 July 2017, cancelling the earlier circular of 7 July, 2017. Now, according to Urdu media reports today, you, during a visit to these schools, ordered the heads of the concerned schools to follow your earlier circular of 7 July, 2017. These schools are: GBSS No. 2, Hindi medium, Jama Masjid; GGSS No. 1 Urdu medium Lal Kuan Zeenat Mahal; GGSS Panama Building, Jama Masjid; GGSS Bela Road; SKV Haveli Azam Khan & GGSS Urdu medium, Kalan Mahal. This news has alarmed people of the area who look at it as a conspiracy to close down Urdu medium schools. There are only 26 Urdu medium schools

left in Delhi now and with this scheme four more Urdu medium schools will be closed down for ever. This is an uncalled for, anti-people and anti-Urdu step which will bring bad name to your government. We request you to reconsider this decision and let your later circular of 14 July, 2017 prevail" *(22-9-2017).*

Letter by DMC Chairman to the Police Commissioner regarding security for Haj pilgrims and ensuring safety to transporters of cattle within Delhi during the Eidul Azha festival: "I wish to bring to your notice two issues requiring your urgent attention: (1) Haj flights of Muslim pilgrims to Saudi Arabia for the next Haj season have started. Delhi airport is serving pilgrims coming from all adjoining states, viz. , U. P. , Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan. The Haj Flights will continue for another one month from now. In view of threats by some extremist organisations to disrupt Haj flights from India, we urge you to take extra precaution on all entry points of pilgrims from adjoining states and also at the Haj House and Haj Terminal at the Indira Gandhi International Airport so that any untoward incident could be nipped in the bud. (2) The other issue is transport to and movement of cattle within Delhi in view of the forthcoming Eidul Azha festival after around a month and ten days from now when the Muslim minority will offer *qurbani* (sacrifice) of permitted animals, viz. buffaloes, lambs and sheep. In view of past experience in Delhi and elsewhere, self-appointed vigilante groups may try to disrupt movement of cattle to and within NCT of Delhi. Please take extra measures on all entry points of cattle from the adjoining states and also protect the movement of vehicles transporting cattle within Delhi. (3) We also request you to deploy extra police force on the three days of Eidul Azha so that Muslims of Delhi may offer *qurbani* without hindrance. Please inform us about the measures taken about the above three issues" *(28-7-2017).*

Repair and protection of Jain temples – DMC Chairman's letter to Director General, Archaeological Survey of India: "During a recent meeting of the Delhi Minorities Commission's Jain Advisory Committee, members complained that Jain monuments across the country are being neglected although they represent an import part of the country's heritage and history. Members strongly suggested that Archaeological Survey of India should be serious attention to this issue and start the repair and renovation of these monuments urgently. Delhi Minorities Commission supports this proposal and asks you to take necessary steps on an urgent basis to save these treasures of our heritage and history" *(7-9-2017).*

"Protected Mosques" in Delhi – DMC Chairman's letter to Director General, Archaeological Survey of India: "According to a list tabled in Rajya Sabha on 27 August, 1993, there are many ASI-controlled mosques around the country where prayer (Namaz) is not allowed. Out of these, there are 30 such mosques in Delhi (*list attached – see below)* and prayer is allowed in only three of them. Delhi Minority Commission (DMC) is concerned that the purpose for which these structures were built is not allowed while there seems to be no example of religious activities disallowed in religious structures of other communities. DMC would like to see these mosques open for

regular prayers which will ensure the safety, security and cleanliness of these structures and will stop their misuse by anti-social elements as is common in these places of worship. In the meanwhile we would like to get the following information from you: (1) Since when and on what count prayers were banned in these mosques; (2) Under what Law / Act, prayer is not allowed in these mosques; (3) Is there any example of religious structures of other communities where prayer / Puja is not allowed? If so, please give a detailed list with reasons for disallowing religious activities in such monuments" *(14-11-2017).* Smt. Usha Sharma, Director General of ASI, replied on 7-2-2018: "Kindly refer to your letter…regarding prayer (Namaz) in protected monuments of ASI. It is to inform you that as per the provision of AMASR Act, 1958 and Rules, 1959, if a place of worship was not in use on the date of notification (protection) then the status is maintained and no worship is permitted there-after. There are various centrally protected monuments under ASI which includes temples, churches, monasteries where worship or puja is not allowed as the same was not practiced during its protection as of national importance."

List of Delhi Mosques under Archaeological Survey of India (State Minister for HRD reply in Rajya Sabha on 6 Sept. 1995 – question No. 3151

Sr.	Name	Status
1.	Masjid Khairul Manazil	Illegal Friday prayers offered
2.	Masjid Begumpuri	Not Functional
3.	Purani Masjid inside Kotla Feroze Shah	Illegal Friday prayers offered
4.	Masjid Qudsia Bagh	Not functional
5.	Masjid Sher Shah (Old Fort mosque)	Functional
6.	Safdarjung Tomb Mosque	Illegal Friday prayers offered
7.	Khairpur Mosque	Not functional
8.	Neeli Masjid Kharara	Illegal Friday prayers offered
9.	Khirki Masjid, Khirki vil.	Not functional
10.	Sarai Masjid, Lado Sarai	Not functional
11.	Mosque attached to Rajo Ki Bayeen, Lado Sarai	Not functional
12.	Mosque attached to Qutb Minar	Not functional
13.	Mosque Shamsi Talab	Not functional
14.	Moti Masjid	Not functional
15.	Masjid Deewar, Mehrauli	Not functional
16.	Masjid Maulana Jamali Kamali, Mehrauli	Not functional
17.	Masjid Moth	Not functional
18.	Mosque attached to Mubarak Shah Masaulem, Mubarakpur, Delhi	Not functional
19.	Masjid Munika	Not functional
20.	Masjid Isa Khan Mausoleum	Not functional
21.	Masjid Shahpur Jat	Not functional
22.	Masjid Muhammad Wali, Shahpur Jat	Not functional
23.	Masjid Wazirabad	Not functional
24.	Moti Masjid, Red Fort	Not functional
25.	Mosque attached to Bagh Alam Gumbad	Not functional
26.	Afsarwala ki Masjid, Nizamuddin	Illegal Friday prayers offered
27.	Masjid Hauz Khas	Not functional

28.	Purani Masjid, Palam	Functional
29.	Sunehri Masjid near Red Fort	Functional
30.	Dewari Masjid, Sikandar Lodhi Mausoleum	Not functional

Renaming of Dyal Singh College: DMC Member Shri Kartar Singh Kochhar wrote to the Principal of Dyal Singh College regarding the college's change of the name, asking the Principal of the college (a) under which Act and Rule, the College is initiating/has initiated to change the name of the Dyal Singh College (Evening Shift) to other name; (b) What is the compulsive need to change the name of the college partially, *i.e.*, Evening Shift at this stage; and (c) What procedure under the relevant Law has been adopted by the College in taking such a decision (*22-11-2017)*. Dr P. K. Sharma, Principal, Dyal Singh Evening College replied on 23-11-17 that the executive body of Delhi University resolved on 21-9-2017 to convert the college into a full-fledged day college. This notification was placed before the governing body of the college in its meeting held on 17-11-2017 and the governing body has "unanimously resolved to recommend to name the newly converted Dyal Singh Evening College as Vandematram Mahavidyalaya…the Governing body of the College resolved to recommend the change of name of the College as Vandematram Mahavidyalaya to make a distinction between Dyal Singh College (Day) and Dyal Singh College (Evening). It is also to mention that Dyal Singh College (Day) will continue its functioning with the same name on the same campus…" DMC Member KS Kochhar further wrote to the Principal of the College asking him to clarify "under which Act and Rule, the College is initiating/had initiated to change the name of the Dyal Singh College (Evening Shift) to other name" *(6-12-2017).*The Principal replied that he will place this letter before the Governing Body in its next meeting and its reply will be submitted to the Commission (*11-1-2018).*No further communication has been received till date.

In the meanwhile, DMC registered a *suo motu* case against Delhi University regarding the proposed change of the name of Dyal Singh College *(29-11-2017)*. Joint Registrar (Council) of Delhi University replied that "the Governing Body of Dyal Singh College vide letter no. PIPA/EC/201 dated 17.11.2017 forwarded the recommendations for change of name which has not yet been considered by the University" *(16-1-2018).*Nothing further has been heard from the College or the University in this context.

Letter to the Delhi Commissioner of Police by DMC member Shri Kartar Singh Kochhar regarding the withdrawal of security cover provided to witnesses of 1984 riots (*30-1-18)*.

Letter by DMC member Shri Kartar Singh Kochhar to the Chief Secretary, Delhi Government, for reservation of seats for students belonging to minority communities and the fees being charged by private schools (*3-7-18)*.

Corruption in Haryana Waqf Board – DMC Chairman's letter to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Haryana: "Reports are appearing from time to time in Delhi's Urdu press about

gross mismanagement and corruption in Haryana Waqf Board (HWB). Some of the allegations are as follows:

1. Car worth Rs. 32 lakh bought while the HWB has many vehicles.

2. A VIP number was bought for the above mentioned car at the expenses of Rs. 70,000.

3. Direct appointments of many by the Chairman in HWB, Waqf Engg. College etc.

4. One person appointed to open all collection boxes at all *mazars*.

5. Huge compensation paid to individuals even without asking.

6. Aid to madrasahs of one place.

"According to these reports, HWB has refused to reply to RTI applications about these allegations. People of the area are angry and have formed committees to save waqfs of Haryana. Kindly conduct an enquiry into the workings of HWB and see to it that it is run as per law and regulations and that its hard-earned income from waqf properties is not squandered" *(7-11-2017).*

Muslim backwardness – DMC Chairman's reply to Shri Shahnawaz Ahmed Malik (shahnawazahmed.law@gmail.com), PhD scholar, JNU, on questions related to his thesis:

(1) Delhi Minority Commission has a vast mandate to serve and protect the minorities' interests but it has little power to intervene and enforce its directions. DMC Act should be remodelled to include the powers available to NHRC and SC/ST commission.

(2) Muslims themselves are responsible for their backwardness and others make use of it to make our situation worse. Who is stopping us to educate our children or to start a business or school? We have a lot of money for useless activities like giving large dowries or spending millions on marriage and other ceremonies or going on Hajj or Umrah every now and then. Hajj is obligatory for those who can afford it only once in a life-time but the wealthy among us flaunt their wealth by going on Hajj, Umrah and *Zeyarat* time and again while community facilities suffer due to lack of funds.

(3) Backwardness of Muslims may be removed by ensuring that every Muslim child goes to school, uniting our ranks and using our monetary resources judiciously to serve the community and the country.

(4) Compilation of Sachar report was a great step as it not only pinpointed the economic, social and political positions of Indian Muslims post-Partition but it also exposed the baseless propaganda about "appeasement" of Muslims by secular parties. But the government of the day (UPA) could not muster courage to fully implement the Sachar recommendations and those of its sequel, Misra Commission, to undo the injustice done to Indian Muslims after independence.

(5) Government schemes have little to do with the improvement of the Muslim situation. For example, what 50,000 scholarships can do to improve the situation of the community. Whatever improvement is seen and felt is a result of Muslims' own

efforts and realisation that they alone can improve their lot through giving good education to their children and making use of the many economics possibilities offered by a vibrant India.

(6) Future of Muslims is good in India as they are slowly emerging of their ghettos and engaging in all fields and pursuits available to nay Indian. Our enemies will try to bog us down in baseless propaganda and raising worthless issues but we should ignore them and march ahead as a confident community (*29-11-2017*).

Compensation to the father of Ankit Saxena – Chairman DMC's letter to Shri Arvind Kejriwal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, NCT of Delhi: InMarch 2018, relatives of a Muslim girl killed her Hindu lover named Ankit Saxena. "The girl's father and maternal uncle have been arrested. Soon, they will get the punishment they deserve. But father of Ankit, Yashpal Saxena, is left in his old age to fend for himself and his family. Ankit was their only bread-winner. Chairman DMC wrote the following letter to Hon'ble Chief Minister to grant an ex gratia compensation to the family of Ankit Saxena: "Last March a young professional, Ankit Saxena, was brutally murdered by some insane people in a hate/honour crime. He was the only bread winner of his elderly parents. His father Yashpal Saxena offered a great example of communal harmony and sanity when he refused to communalise the issue and saved Delhi from a bout of insane violence. He not only positively overcame his personal grief, but has also become a champion of communal harmony. His latest feat was to organize an Iftar party at his home for both Muslims and Hindus. I understand that you have visited the family twice and have also promised a help of Rs. 5 lakh to them. But, reportedly, no help has reached them. The parents of Ankit are not in a position at their present age to start a business or seek employment. Kindly redeem you promise and also raise it to a level which would sufficiently support the old couple in the twilight of their life" *(12-6-2018)*. This request has been accepted by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi and a compensation will soon be paid to Shri Yashpal Saxena, father of Ankit.

Riots – Chairman DMC's appreciation of the stand of DM, Barielly Shri Raghavendra Vikram Singh: "I wish to communicate to you that I very much appreciated the stand you took on the recent communal flareup in Kasganj. Your point of view truly represents the secular and humane ethos of our country and society. People who spoke against you do not represent the mainstream and spirit of our nation. I wish to inform you that there are many across India who appreciated your courage and forthrightness. It is only with people like you in seats of responsibility that our country and society will enjoy the much needed peace which is a prerequisite for progress and development. Please accept our appreciation and do not feel that you are alone in this struggle for justice and right. There are many out there who support you and behave like you when crucial issues and challenges face them" *(7-2-2018).*

Plan to close unrecognised schools – DMC Chairman's letter to Shri Manish Sisodia, Hon'ble Dy. CM, Delhi (*22-2-2018 – see under Education, p. 95 above*)

Neglect of minorities – DMC Chairman's letter to the Editor, *Times of India:* "In your 17 March, 2018 edition you published the results of your recent initiative, Scholarship Program for Awareness, Reasoning & Knowledge (SPARK). It is a commendable effort to motivate the young generation about national and international issues in an environment where students are increasingly focusing their interests on mundane issues forgetting that they are the leaders of tomorrow. You have selected 300 bright students from all over the country through online tests and interviews by judges. Looking at the names cursorily I failed to find any Muslim youth. Then I looked at the names seriously and found that out of three hundred, the list has only one or at best three youth (names of two are not clear), that is just 0.35 to one percent at best. Media is a teacher, trend-setter and conscience-keeper of the nation. Hence it is its responsibility also to be inclusive and seen to be inclusive. Not only in your recruitment policy and choice of Op-Ed contributors, in such schemes also you should be inclusive and caring taking all along. During the current Islamophobic atmosphere and hate politics, aiming at the marginalization of Muslims, such care is needed more than any time in the recent past" *(19-3-2018).*

Bail to aged inmates in Saharanpur jail – DMC Chairman's letter to the Superintendent, District Jail Saharanpur, U.P.: "I am pained to read in a press report that there were 19 aged inmates in your jail whose release the Medical Board had recommended last December. Apart from old age, some of them are afflicted by serious ailments which is a ground for the Medical Board to recommend their release. Now two of these inmates have died. These inmates in their seventies now are no threat to anyone. Compassion and mercy demand that their cases are processed in right earnest so that they may die peacefully in their homes and among their relatives. I hope you will pay your kind attention to this humane issue and process their cases on an urgent basis" *(25-5-2018).*

Uttarkhand teacher's plight: DMC Chairman's letter to Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand: "The whole nation, rather the world, has watched with deep sympathy how Ms Uttara Bahuguna, principal of a school in Naugaon, Uttarkashi, was shabbily treated at a recent *janata darbar* held by you. Sir, you hold a high office and people look up to you and hold high hopes of persons like you to set an example for others to follow. May I respectfully suggest that the said teacher may be transferred to a place of her liking in the last years of her service, especially that she has already spent over ten years serving in a remote area and also because her husband is no more and she is the head and caretaker of the family. I hold high hope that you will set a memorable example of magnanimity and kindness by acceding to the reasonable request of the aggrieved teacher. People will remember your magnanimity for long" *(4 July, 2018).*

Hungry family in Akbarpur, U. P. – DMC Chairman's letter to Mr Suresh Kumar (IAS), District Magistrate, Akbarpur, U.P.: "I have read an appalling story in the *Rashtriya Sahara* Urdu newspaper (1-5-2018) which says that a family in Siklandarpur village under Akbarpur, consisting of Taufeeq, wife Munni Devi and their son and

daughter, are finding it hard to survive. The father is physically challenged (paralysed after suffering from polio four years ago) and wife has sight problem. They have a ration card but it is not on the register, hence they are not getting ration. They are surviving on alms from neighbours. Please enquire into this report and if found correct, please see to it that, (1) Their ration card is on the local ration shop's register; (2) Both the father and mother get handicapped pension and (3) Children of the family go to school. I hope you will take timely action before we read another report of a hunger death which regularly appears in our media from time to time and shames us all" *(11 May, 2018). A similar letter was sent same day to Mr Vivek Mishra, SDM Akbarpur, SDM Office Premises, Akbarpur, Ambedkar Nagar – 224122.*

Meeting and statement about the murder of Sikhs and Hindus among others in Afghanistan: A condolence meeting was held at the DMC Conference Hall on 3 July, 2018 in which Commission Members and people from various communities participated. Speakers condemned the act of the extremists in Afghanistan, demanded the Afghan government to protect the lives and properties of all, especially non-Muslims in Afghanistan and adequately compensate to the families of victims. The following Memorandum to the Government of Afghanistan was also handed over to the Embassy of Afghanistan in New Delhi next day:

DMC Chairman Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan, flanked by Commission Members Shri Kartar Singh Kochhar and Ms Anastasia Gill, speaking in DMC conference hall on 3 July, 2018 during the condolence and prayer meeting for the Sikh and Hindu victims of violence in Afghanistan

OTHER ACTIVITIES / INFORMATION

a. Various communities' festivals are being celebrated at DMC in which Commission members and staff participate.
b. DMC meetings are held on Mondays or Tuesdays of every week or whenever a requirement arises.
c. Old advisory committees of DMC have been mostly retained while new members have been added on recommendation of DMC Members, or MLAs, or by recommendation of existing advisory committees' members or when any application received directly was found appropriate by a Commission Member. DMC has decided to keep the number of each advisory committee at 150 members as the upper limit. At present, DMC has Muslim, Sikh, Christian, Jain and Buddhist advisory committees. There is no Parsi Committee at present and efforts are continuing to find appropriate representatives of the Parsi community in Delhi to be co-opted in the Parsi advisory committee. There is hope that soon we will have a Parsi advisory committee at the DMC.

d. The previous NGO panel has been retained while new NGOs are being accepted as members by recommendation of Commission members or when applications received directly are found appropriate. NGOs should be at least three years old and working in Delhi. They have to apply enclosing a copy of their registration papers, three years' audit and activity reports. As per the advice of the minority committee of Delhi Legislative Assembly, all Delhi MLAs were asked to nominate members of advisory, NGO and peace panels.

Commission members and DMC staff celebrating Diwali get-together at DMC conference hall on 18-10-2017

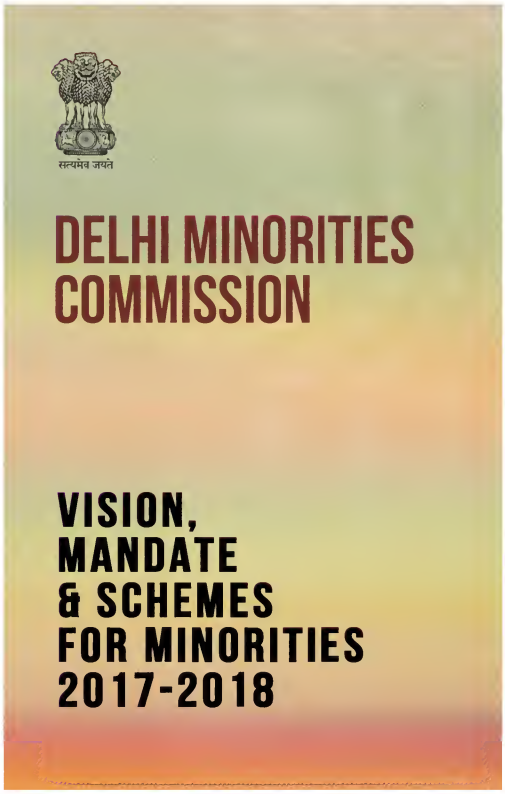
PUBLICATIONS

The new DMC Commission, after taking over on 20 July, 2017, published the following:

1. *DMC Annual Report 2016-17* (51 A4 pages). It is about the work of the previous commission but could not be published because its tenure ended on 3-3-2017.

2. *Delhi Minorities Commission: Vision, Mandate & Schemes* (78 pages). It is an introduction of the Commission and various schemes for minority students offered by the Central and Delhi state governments.

3. Commission Member Kartar Singh Kochhar on his own initiative has published *Welfare Schemes for Minorities* (96 A4 pages). It has all the details about Central and state educational, training and loan schemes for the minorities.



EARLIER PUBLICATIONS OF DMC:

- *Sample Survey of economic, social, political and educational status of EWS Christians in Delhi*
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- *The Status of Punjabi and Urdu languages in the administration and schools in Delhi*
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- *A study on Education of Muslim children in Delhi: the dynamics of decision-making and possible modes of interventions to promote their educability*
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- *A final report on Survey of madrasas in Delhi under madrasa modernisation programme*
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- *Analysis report as part of Final Report of Survey of the Minority Girls Students in concentrated area of North East especially in Jafarabad and Okhla in public schools/Govt. schools (2011):*
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STUDY OF PROBLEMS AND STATUS OF MUSLIM GRAVEYARDS IN DELHI (2018)

STATUS & PROBLEMS OF CHRISTIAN CEMETERIES IN DELHI (2018)

SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF DMC ACTIVITIES

DMC members at the press conference held on 21 July, 2017

DMC Members presenting the first copy of the Annual Report 2016-17 to Shri Arvind Kejriwal, Hon'ble Chief Minister of NCT of Delhi on 24 Nov., 2017. Standing from left to right: J. S. Rana, Deputy Secretary, Dr Jayadev Sarangi IAS, Secretary, Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan, Chairman DMC, Ms. Anastasia Gill, Member DMC, Shri Arvind Kejriwal, CM, Abraham Pattiyani, former Member DMC, Kartar Singh Kochhar, Member DMC

Part of the audience at the DMC conference on UN Minority Rights Day at India Islamic Cultural Centre on 20 December, 2017

Leaders of religious communities come together at the DMC conference on 20-12-17

DMC Members with Sikh community leaders at the Minority Rights Conference on 20-12-17

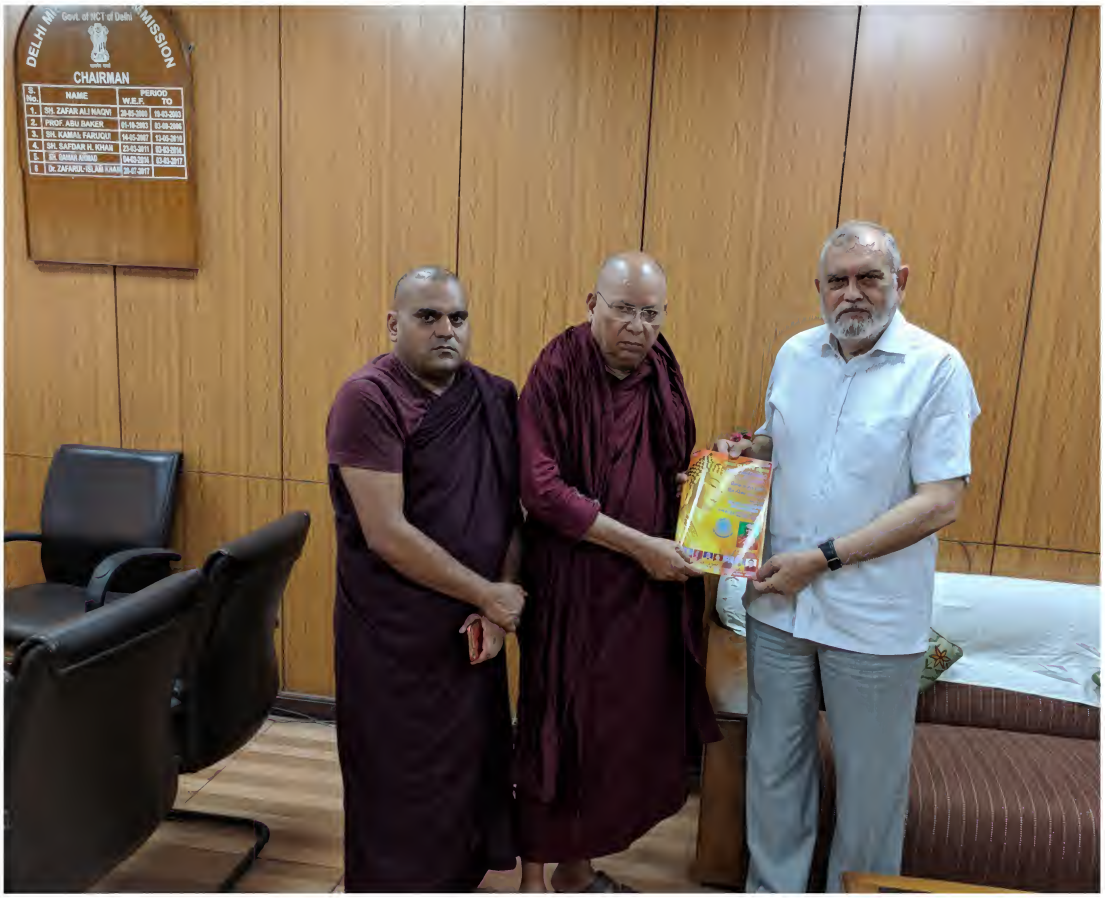
Shri Musharraf Husain speaking at the awareness camp organised by his NGO, Roshan NGO, at Jogabai Chaupal in Batla House, 23-2-2018

A delegation of International Awakening Centre led by its President Majaz Mugeri called on Chairman DMC Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan on 6-7-18 and discussed various issues of minorities and how to popularize government schemes for them. The delegation included President of Darul Ifta Online Mufti Abdul Wahid Qasimi, President of Islamic Research & Welfare Foundation Mufti Asif Iqbal Qasimi, Editor of Millat Times Shams Tabrez Qasimi, INS News Agency's Nasim Akhtar Qasimi and Rector of Jamia Diniyat Delhi Qari Dastageer. The delegation stressed the need to revive DMC's vocational training centres.

DMC Members at the awareness camp organised by BEB, Hamdard Foundation, Asif Ali Road on 21-2-2018

DMC Member Ms. Anastasia Gill speaking at the awareness camp held be ISI atJahangirpuri on 23 January, 2018

Audience at the awareness camp held by Chetanalaya at Shastri Park on 23-2-2018



Chairman DMC welcoming a Buddhist delegation led by Ven. Bhadant Anand (centre), Chairman of Bhikshu Mission Trust in July 2018

Commission Member Anastasia Gill felicitated by a Christian delegation on taking over as Member, DMC, on 20-7-2017.

Interaction with a Christian delegation at DMC conference hall on 22-11-2017

DMC Members Kartar Singh Kochhar and Anastasia Gill at the UN Minorities Day celebrations by National Minorities Commission at Vigyan Bhawan on 19-12-2017.

DMC Chairman and Member Kartar Singh Kochhar welcoming Shri Baljeet Singh, Hon'ble Member of Karnataka Minorities Commission during his visit to DMC on 6 June, 2018

Audience during the U. N. Minority Rights day
at India Islamic Cultural Centre on 20-12-2017

Commission Members attending the function of Sanjhi Virasat
at ND Tiwari Bhavan on 15-9-2017

Shabad granth during the UN Minority Day, by Sikh group on 20-12-2017

Sikh community leaders at the Delhi Minorities Commission's UN Minority Rights Day on 20-12-2017

FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN DMC

a. Library:

Delhi Minorities Commission has a library having a stock of approximate 1700 books. The inventory is being computerized and the library is being upgraded.

b. Information dissemination System:

- Website: http: /dmc.delhiGovt.nic.in
- Email: dmc_nct@rediffmail.com
- Public Information Officer: 011-23370823
- Helpline: 011-23379756

c. Media Activity:

DMC keeps a record of important developments about minorities and what is published in the media about the DMC. Chairman and Members regularly interact with the media and issue statements and reports whenever there is any important development or issue considered by the Commission. The Commission keeps good rapport with mediapersons. A press conference was held on 21 July, 2017 to apprise media of DMC mandate, work and the vision of the new commission. The press conference was well attended and was covered especially by Urdu press. Mediapersons are always invited to the open meetings of the DMC. Reports about Commission's activities are published promptly and prominently by Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and English newspapers, TV channels and news portals in Delhi and other states. In addition to receiving a wide coverage in the national and international media, comments have appeared in the media highly commending the current Commission and its work. Here are two such comments:

1. Prof. Akhtarul Wasey, President, Maulana Azad University, Jodhpur, writing in *Rashtriya Sahara,* a widely circulated Urdu daily on 2-6-2018 said, *inter alia*,: "I have no hesitation in admitting that since Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan took over the charge as head of the Delhi Minorities Commission, the Commission is taking timely notice of any activity against minorities and the Commission is seen active in upholding the rights of minorities. Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan has told the managing director of Sudrshan TV to repent his mistake and deposit an undertaking with the Commission that in future it will act responsibly while broadcasting news. I accept that even Press Council of India and other organisatons and authorities monitoring media should emulate the Delhi Minorities Commission in this respect…"

میڈیا کے منفی پروپیگنڈے کے خلاف میکانزم کی ضرورت

حرفِ حق ..... **پروفیسر اختر الواسع**

یوں تو میڈیا کو جمہوریت کا چوتھا ستون کہا جاتا ہے لیکن ایسا محسوس ہوتا ہے کہ فی زمانہ میڈیا اپنے فرض منصبی کی راہ سے بھٹک گیا ہے بلکہ عہدوں اور ٹھکتے سکوں کی لالچ میں وہ کسی نہ کسی سیاسی مرکز کی چوکھٹ کا غلام بن گیا ہے۔ صورتحال اس قدر ناگفتہ بہ ہے کہ بھی سب سے زیادہ محترم وقابل اعتبار تصور کی جانے والی صحافی برادری کی معتبریت پر ان دنوں عام آدمی بھی سوالیہ نشان لگا رہا ہے۔ یہ صورتحال کیوں پیش آ رہی ہے، اس پر میڈیا گھرانوں اور صحافیوں کو سنجیدگی سے غور کرنا چاہیے، اسی کے ساتھ اس بات کا جائزہ لینا بھی ضروری ہے کہ میڈیا گھرانے یا صحافی برادری نے بلاتحقیق منفی پروپیگنڈوں کو کیوں اپنا شیوہ بنا رکھا ہے اور کیوں محض ٹی آر پی بڑھانے یا کسی طبقے کی خوشنودی کے لیے کذب وافترا کے ارتکاب سے بھی باز نہیں آتے۔ تازہ واقعہ دہلی کے نواحی علاقے بوانہ کا ہے جہاں برسہابرس سے آباد غریب لوگوں کے مکانات کی فوٹیج دکھا کر نیوز چینل "سدرشن ٹی وی" نے چیخ چیخ کر یہ باور کرانے کی کوشش کی ہے کہ یہاں آباد سبھی لوگ بنگلہ دیشی یا روہنگیائی مسلمان ہیں جو برما سے آکر یہاں غیر قانونی طور پر آباد ہو گئے ہیں۔

اس خبر کو پوری طاقت سے نشر کرنے کے بعد دہلی کے آس پاس برسہابرس سے آباد جھگی جھونپڑی میں رہنے والے لوگوں میں سراسیمگی پھیل گئی اور سدرشن چینل کی جھوٹی خبروں پر شدید ردعمل سامنے آرہا ہے۔ مسئلہ کی سنگینی کو دیکھتے ہوئے دہلی اقلیتی کمیشن نے جب تحقیق کی قوی بادی النظر میں پایا کہ بوانہ میں آباد لوگوں کو تو خود حکومت نے دہلی کے مختلف علاقوں سے لاکر یہاں بسایا ہے، چنانچہ اقلیتی کمیشن نے سخت برہمی کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے سدرشن ٹی وی کے منیجنگ ڈائریکٹر کو نوٹس بھیجا ہے کہ وہ بتائیں کہ کن ثبوتوں کی بنیاد پر انہوں نے بوانہ میں آباد لوگوں کو بنگلہ دیشی یا برمی قرار دیا ہے۔ دہلی اقلیتی کمیشن نے سخت لہجے میں سدرشن چینل کے اہلکاروں سے تحریری طور پر کہا ہے کہ وہ یا تو بوانہ کے لوگوں کے بنگلہ دیشی ہونے کے بارے میں پورے ثبوت وشواہد پیش کریں، ورنہ اس جھوٹے پروپیگنڈے کے لیے قوم سے معافی مانگیں اور اپنے معافی نامہ کو بھی اسی اہمیت کے ساتھ اپنے چینل پر نشر کریں، جس طرح انہوں نے عصبیت زدہ رپورٹ دکھائی ہے۔ اقلیتی کمیشن نے سدرشن چینل کی انتظامیہ سے 21 رجون تک یہ بھی جواب طلب کیا ہے کہ وہ بتائیں کہ جھوٹی خبر نشر کیے جانے کے بعد انہوں نے اپنے رپورٹر یا متعلقہ ایڈیٹر کے خلاف کیا کارروائی کی۔ کمیشن نے شمالی ضلع کے ڈی سی پی کو بھی نوٹس بھیج کر استفسار کیا ہے کہ انہوں نے اس فرقہ وارانہ کشیدگی پھیلائے جانے والی خبر کو ٹیلی کاسٹ کیے جانے کے خلاف کیا کارروائی کی۔

دہلی اقلیتی کمیشن کے چیئرمین ڈاکٹر ظفر الاسلام خاں نے میڈیا کے غیر ذمہ دارانہ رویہ پر افسوس ظاہر کرتے ہوئے جن خیالات کا اظہار کیا ہے اس پر حکمرانوں، میڈیا گھرانوں اور سول سوسائٹی کو سنجیدگی سے غور کرنا چاہیے۔ مجھے یہ اعتراف کرنے میں کوئی تردد نہیں کہ جب سے ڈاکٹر ظفر الاسلام خاں نے دہلی اقلیتی کمیشن کے سربراہ کی حیثیت سے ذمہ داری سنبھالی ہے، اس کے بعد سے اقلیتوں کے خلاف ہونے والی کسی بھی سرگرمی کا بروقت نوٹس لیا جارہا ہے اور اقلیتوں کے حقوق کی بازیابی کی مسلسل کوششوں میں دہلی اقلیتی کمیشن سرگرم نظر آرہا ہے۔ ڈاکٹر ظفر الاسلام خاں نے جس طرح سدرشن ٹی وی کے منیجنگ ڈائریکٹر سے کہا ہے کہ وہ اپنی غلطی پر نہ صرف نادم ہوں، بلکہ یہ عہد نامہ بھی پیش کریں کہ آئندہ وہ اس قسم کی خبروں کو نشر کرتے وقت پوری ذمہ داری کا ثبوت دیں گے۔ میرا ماننا ہے کہ میڈیا کے منفی پروپیگنڈے کے خلاف دہلی اقلیتی کمیشن جیسا ہی رویہ پریس کونسل آف انڈیا، میڈیا کی نگرانی کرنے والے ادارے اور دیگر اتھارٹیز کو اپنانا چاہیے۔

دہلی اقلیتی کمیشن کو ان حالات پر بھی نظر رکھنی چاہیے جو کچھ دنوں سے مسجدوں کے باہر یا کسی کھلے میدان میں جمعہ کی نماز ادا کرنے کو لے کر بپا ہے، کیونکہ گڑگاؤں میں نماز جمعہ ادا کرنے کے لیے جمع ہوئے مسلمانوں کو کچھ ناسمجھ ہندو نوجوانوں نے جے شری رام کا نعرہ لگاتے ہوئے جمعہ کی نماز ادا کرنے سے روک دیا تھا، اس کا ویڈیو وائرل ہونے کے بعد دہلی کے بعض مقامات اور ہریانہ کے کچھ علاقوں میں نماز جمعہ ادا کرنے کو لے کر بعض میڈیا اہلکاروں نے ایسی خبریں نشر کی تھیں، جس میں ایسا باور ہو رہا تھا کہ جمعہ کی نماز میں جمع ہونے والی بھیڑ کا تعلق بنگلہ دیشی دراندازوں سے ہے۔ ٹی وی چینلوں پر بعض ہندو انتہا پسند تنظیموں کے اہلکاروں نے دعویٰ بھی کیا تھا کہ لاکھوں بنگلہ دیشی یہاں آباد ہو گئے ہیں جو یہاں کے شہریوں کے لیے خطرہ ہیں۔ ظاہر ہے اس قسم کے بیانات دینے یا انہیں نشر کیے جانے سے کشیدگی اور نفرت وعداوت کی نئی دیوار کھڑی ہو سکتی ہے اور اس کے سنگین نتائج برآمد ہو سکتے ہیں۔ ایسے حالات میں حکومت کو چاہیے کہ بنگلہ دیشی دراندازوں کی نشاندہی کرے اور ان کے خلاف قانونی کارروائی کرے، مگر بلاوجہ اور بنا تحقیق کے مسلمانوں کو بنگلہ دیشی قرار دینے کا حق نہ ہندو تنظیموں کو ہے اور نہ میڈیا اہلکاروں کو۔

کچھ دنوں سے دیکھا جارہا ہے کہ کبھی اذان سے عوام کو تکلیف ہونے کی بات اچھالی جاتی ہے تو کبھی تعداد بڑھ جانے سے مسجدوں کے باہر تک نماز پڑھنے کو انکروچمینٹ سے تعبیر کیا جاتا ہے۔ گزشتہ دنوں جب گڑگاؤں میں کھلے میدان میں جمعہ کی نماز کو چند غنڈے نما دیش بھکتوں نے روک دیا اور اشتعال انگیز نعروں سے فضا کو پوری طرح فرقہ وارانہ بنانے کی کوشش کی جس کی وجہ سے فساد ہوتے ہوتے بچ گیا اور اس پورے منظر کا ویڈیو وائرل ہو گیا تو دانستہ طور پر بعض میڈیا اہلکاروں نے اس کو ایک موضوع بنا دیا اور کچھ ہندو شدت پسند تنظیمیں باہر آگئیں اور یہ مطالبہ کرنے لگیں کہ پورے ملک میں روڈ پر نماز پڑھنے پر پابندی لگائی جائے اور یہ انہیں تنظیموں کے اہلکار تھے جن کا کہنا تھا کہ نمازیوں کی یہ بھیڑ بنگلہ دیشی مسلمانوں کی بے پایہ روہنگیائی مسلمان ہیں۔ یہ نام نہاد دیش بھکت یہ بھی کہہ رہے تھے کہ ان مسلمانوں کی بڑھتی ہوئی تعداد سے گڑگاؤں کو خطرہ لاحق ہے۔ حیرانی کی بات یہ ہے کہ سدرشن ٹی وی جیسے کچھ نیوز چینل بار بار مسجدوں کے باہر روڈ پر نماز پڑھے جانے کو ایک مسئلہ کے طور پر پیش کر رہے تھے اور ہر بار وہی چہرے سامنے آجاتے تھے جن کو مسلمانوں کی نماز سے خطرہ ہے۔ مجھے خوشی ہے کہ بعد میں پولیس انتظامیہ نے کئی مقامات پر اپنی نگرانی میں جمعہ کی نماز ادا کرنے کی اجازت دی اور یہ عیاں کیا کہ نمازیوں سے کوئی خطرہ نہیں ہے۔ دہلی اقلیتی کمیشن کے چیئرمین ڈاکٹر ظفر الاسلام خاں کے موقف کا مقصد یہی ہے کہ بلاوجہ میڈیا کسی بات کو اتنا طول نہ دے کہ اس سے فرقہ وارانہ ہم آہنگی خطرے میں پڑ جائے اور میں اس موقف کی تائید کرتا ہوں اور ضروری ہے کہ اس طرح کی خبروں کو چلاتے ہوئے میڈیا گھرانے احتیاط سے کام لیں۔

سوشل میڈیا پر بھی مذہبی منافرت پھیلانے والے مواد آئے دن سنسنی پھیلاتے رہتے ہیں، اس میں کبھی فرقے کے لوگ شامل ہیں۔ آج سوشل میڈیا کا جس طرح پھیلاؤ اور اثر ہوا ہے، اس کے تناظر میں اسے ہرگز نظرانداز نہیں کیا جاسکتا، کیونکہ متعدد مقامات پر سوشل میڈیا کے منفی پروپیگنڈے کی بنیاد پر فسادات رونما ہو چکے ہیں۔ جب کشیدگی پھیل جاتی ہے تو پولیس انتظامیہ انٹرنیٹ سروس کو ہی ٹھپ کر دیتی ہے جب کہ ہونا یہ چاہیے کہ سوشل میڈیا کی نگرانی ہو اور غلط پروپیگنڈہ کرنے والوں کے خلاف سخت قانونی کارروائی کی جائے، تاکہ ایسے منفی مواد کو بروقت روکا جاسکے اور منفی ذہنیت کے لوگوں پر کارروائی ہو، مجھے امید ہے کہ اگر ایسا کیا گیا تو کشیدگی سے قبل ہی اس کا سدباب کیا جاسکے گا اور انٹرنیٹ سروس ٹھپ کرنے کی نوبت نہیں آئے گی۔

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2. Noted columnist Humra Quraishi, writing in *Tehelka* magazine issue of 30 June, 2018. It considered educational reform and installation of the current team at DMC as the two major achievements of the Kejriwal government in NCT of Delhi. This report is reproduced on following two pages:

OPINION

DILEMMAS

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Are rights of minorities in India in jeopardy?

What had started as an idea has today metamorphosed to a full-fledged mission. Scope of Delhi Minorities Commission extends to Dalit Sikhs in Shillong and anyone unwary of their minority rights

The AAP government in Delhi has achieved two wonders. First, a sizeable number of government schools in the Capital city are running on par with the public schools. The examination results of the last academic year and the parents' reaction have gone ahead to show that if a government genuinely wants, it can make the educational institutions stand out, even with the basic fees and facilities.

The other sphere is the AAP government's earnestness to reach out to the minority groups and communities. The indication became clear in last year July when Arvind Kejriwal-led government appointed three fearless members in the Delhi Minorities Commission (DMC) — Dr Zafarul Islam Khan as chairperson, and Anastasia Gill and Kartar Singh Kochhar as members.

Of course, it would have been too soon then to write about this team but, now, as it has completed a year in the office, we can see that for the last several months the team has been taking on the police and the administrative authorities in matters related to minorities where their rights are sabotaged, dented or even bypassed. And now, more recently, the Delhi Minorities Commission has also issued notices to two particular television channels for provocative and communal slants in their reportage.

The DMC is not just directly naming and pinpointing the 'wrongdoers' but also issuing notices so that the cases reach a logical conclusion. In fact, Zafarul Islam Khan, a PhD holder from Manchester University in Islamic Studies and Editor of the Milli Gazette, who has worked for several international organisations, told me recently that there has been no political interference nor even the slightest trace of political pressure. Perhaps, with that in the background or foreground, this team is daring to do its utmost, to see that fair play and sense prevails to keep the fabric intact.

In May, DMC issued a notice to Zee News where it pointed, "While by-polling was on in Kairana parliamentary constituency, Zee News telecast a report showing Kairana's Muslim women wearing Talibani burqas. The report, anchored by Sudhir Chaudhry on May 28, repeatedly targeted elderly Muslim women of Kairana who wear burqas which the channel dubbed as "Talibani burqas". It alleged that the Muslim community of the area is inspired by Wahabism and that they are trying to propagate the "ideology of Taliban." Amid images of Muslim women wearing burqas were flashed like "Bharat mein Talibani soch ki ghuspaith?" (Talibani thinking's intrusion into India), "Talibani burqe ka itihasik DNA test" (Historic DNA test of Talibani burqas), "Dekhein Kairana mein Talibani burqe ka kya kaam" (Look, what Talibani burqas are doing in Kairana). In addition to the broadcast, the channel also published a report same day on its website with the headline: "Dheere dheere Bharat ke Musalmanon ko kattar banaya jar aha hai" (Slowly, Indian Muslims are being made extremists). It has claimed that Indian Muslims are being Talibanised which it called a "karwa sach" (bitter truth) and said that attempt is being made to change the DNA of Indian Muslims, that Kairana has become

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Protecting Humanity: DMC is reaching out to those residing beyond Delhi. Why Not!

a "laboratory" of communalism and of religion-based politics, that "Talibani thinking has crossed Afghani borders into Pakistan and from there it has infiltrated into India". Such comments are a clear attempt to defame a community, propagate disaffection against it and concoct a fake story which has no root or basis since the kind of burqas the channel refers to are centuries-old in India. This clearly is an offence under IPC Section 295/A (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs) and IPS Section 505 (spreading false rumours). The broadcast was also an attempt to polarize communities and influence voters on communal lines while a by-election was on in the area, which is a punishable offence under Section 171/C of IPC."

The DMC also issued notices to the Sudarshan TV channel over a report it telecast about residents of Bawana in North Delhi. The notice reads, "The channel had aired a programme on May 11 which dubbed Bawana residents as "Bangladeshis" and "Rohingyas" although these Indian citizens have been officially settled here by the government agencies after relocating them from various Delhi areas over the decades...DMC has ordered the managing director of the channel to reply by June 12 with proofs to show that Bawana residents are "Bangladeshis" and "Rohingyas"...The Commission has also issued a notice to DCP North District to file a report about the action taken against the said broadcast, especially against one Ganga Ram who is allegedly behind spreading rumours that residents of the area are "Bangladeshis" and "Rohingyas".

I am left amazed by the DMC's outreach. Even the slightest intrusion into religious places of worships and dargahs has been halted by them. Two very recent cases:

When news trickled down that the land of Dargah Shah Kaleemullah in New Delhi would be converted into a "heritage parking" to serve the visitors of the nearby "Heritage haveli", the Delhi Minorities Commission has issued a notice to the Delhi Waqf Board to explain what steps have been taken by the board to protect the Dargah land and why this land is required when a parking lot exists nearby Subhash Maidan?

In another case, Delhi Minorities Commission has issued suo motu notices regarding Gulshan Masjid in Mehrauli where anti-socials stopped Namaz, damaged prayer mats and attacked the Imam. A year ago, these elements had demolished graves inside the mosque compound. The DMC notices have been issued to DCP South, SDM South and Delhi Waqf Board to file a report about what action has been taken against the anti-socials who have attacked the Imam and have stopped Namaz in the mosque for few days. The notices have also asked what action was taken against the destruction of graves by anti-socials a year ago.

DMC is reaching out to even those residing beyond Delhi. Why not! After all, its duty is to protect the human being. And, as the communal violence went uncontrolled in Shillong, the DMC Chairman, Dr Zafarul Islam Khan wrote letters to the Chief Minister of Meghalaya Conrad Sangma and Deputy Commissioner of Shillong Peter Sansan Dkhar asking them to take strict action against the mobs attacking Sikhs in Shillong: "We believe it is a clear failure of the law and order machinery to control the situation and bring the culprits to justice. The Delhi Minorities Commission hopes your administration will rise to the occasion and discharge its responsibilities without discrimination. Mobs must never be allowed to rule the streets of any part of our country. Rule of mobs means a total failure of the lawful authorities to discharge their duties under Constitution and Law. We hope a strict message will be conveyed to the mobsters and their political supporters that their tactics will not be tolerated at any cost and for any consideration."

While, the AAP government is trying to reach out to the aam aadmi (common people)... I wonder why we insist on playing fault finding game! It has become almost fashionable to find fault with everything, even when it's a doer!

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MINORITIES-RELATED ENGAGEMENTS OF DMC CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

(20 July 2017-31 June, 2018)

CHAIRMAN, DMC:

20/7/17: Felicitation by the All India Muslim Majlis-e Mushawarat, the umbrella body of Indian Muslim organisations and eminent personalities. It was the only such function accepted by the Chairman DMC since he had earlier served as President of this organisation for three terms.

21/7/17: All Members of the Commission participated in a well-attended press conference in DMC conference hall.

22/7/17: Delivered a lecture on minority rights at the Institute of Objective Studies, Delhi.

23/7/17: Attended an awareness programme held by Roshan NGO, Zakir Nagar, Okhla.

2/8/17: Meeting with church leaders to understand the issues of Palestine and Jerusalem and how to campaign for the same in India.

8/8/17: Paid a courtesy visit, alongwith Kartar Singh Kochhar, Member DMC, to Shri Anil Baijal, Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi;

14/8/17: Met with the delegation of Shafiq Memorial School, Old Delhi, which explained the educational problems in Old Delhi.

24/8/17: Chaired and participated, alongwith Kartar Singh Kochhar and Ms Anastasia Gill, Members DMC, the joint meeting of the Muslim, Jain and Buddhist advisory committees, in DMC meeting hall;

28/8/17: Participated, alongwith Kartar Singh Kochhar and Ms Anastasia Gill, Members DMC, in the meeting of the Christian advisory committee in DMC meeting hall;

29/8/17: Participated, alongwith Kartar Singh Kochhar and Ms Anastasia Gill, Members DMC, in the meeting of the Sikh advisory committee in DMC meeting hall.

30/8/17: Delegation of Vidya Jyoti College students and teachers visited DMC; had discussions with Chairman and DMC Members Kartar Singh Kochhar and Ms. Anastasia Gill. Chairman spoke at length on Muslim-Christian relations.

5/9/17: Chairman and members of DMC paid a courtesy visit to the National Commission for Minorities where they met NCM chairman and members and discussed minority issues;

15/9/17: Commission members participated in the communal harmony programme organized by Sanjhi Virasat at N. D. Tiwari Bhawan, Deen Dyal Upadhyaya Marg.; also attended and spoke at the national seminar on the Rohingya refugees in India, held by the Muslim Political Conference at Ghalib Academy.

21/9/17: Attended and spoke at Jamiat Ulama-e Hind programme on the Rohingyas at Jantar Mantar.

28/9/17: Meeting with Dr Manzoor Alam, Chairman, Institute of Objective Studies to discuss Muslim community issues.

4/10/17: A delegation of Imams of Delhi mosques met Chairman and discussed problems and issues of the Muslim community.

12/10/17: Participated and delivered a keynote speech at Al-Azhar University graduates conf. at India Islamic Cultural Centre, Delhi;

15/10/17: Attended and spoke on the current situation in the country at the meeting of Alliance for Justice& Peace at Marathi Patrakar Press Club, Mumbai.

25/10/17: Participated and spoke in a consultation on national issues called by Jamiat Ulama-e Hind (Mahmood Madni), in Delhi.

28/10/17: Participated and delivered a keynote speech on human rights in India at NHRO conf. , at Indian Social Institute, Delhi.

29/10/17: Participated and spoke at the Educational Conference of India's education caravan meeting in Delhi;

31/10/17: Released and spoke at release function of book on Madrasas by Prof. Ibrahim Musa of USA, at Jamia Millia Islamia.

1/11/17: Attended and spoke at DMC awareness camp held by Bilal Welfare Society at Metro Vihar; alongwith Commission Members, participated in the conference of the 1984 anti-Sikh genocide, Arya Auditorium, East of Kailash, Delhi;

5/11/17: Attended and spoke at a conference on human rights held by Popular Front of India at Shastri Park.

9/11/17: Met and discussed issues and problems of Urdu teachers of Delhi Urdu Academy; met with a delegation of Supreme Court advocates regarding an out-of-court settlement of the Babri/Ram Mandir issue; attended and spoke at a conference on topic *"Urdu ke qare'een mein izafa kyon aur kaise",* on the occasion of Urdu Day at Ghalib Academy.

12/11/17: Delivered a keynote address on issues of "Waqfs and our responsibilities" in India at the Awqaf at Muslim Education Trust, Delhi.

13/11/17: Participated in the conference on Assam's illegal immigrants issue at the Constitution Club; Delhi;

15/11/17: Commission Members received a Christian delegation from Vidya Jyoti College at DMC; Chairman spoke at length on Muslim-Christian relations.

16/11/17: James Stone, Political Counsellor of High Commission of Canada visited and exchanged views about the issues and problems of minorities in India;

released a book on career counselling and spoke on the occasion at SIO headquarters, Delhi.

19/11/17: Attended and spoke at the annual function of Hera School at Phadgudia, Azamgarh (U.P.)

20/11/17: A delegation of Supreme Court advocates led by Syed Shahid Husain Rizvi met Chairman DMC seeking his intervention to solve the Babri issue out of court.

22/11/17: Christian delegation visited DMC and discussed community issues with the Commission Members; a delegation of Okhla residents met Chairman and discussed area issues;

23/11/17: Chairman released a book by late Professor Ziaul Hasan Nadwi and spoke on the occasion, at Jamia Millia; health awareness camp on epidemics held at DMC attended by Commission members Shri Kartar Singh Kochhar and Ms. Anastasia Gill.

24/11/17: Commission Members and Mr Abraham Pattiani (member of the previous commission) met Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Arvind Kejriwal and presented to him the first copy of DMC Annual Report 2016-17.

6/12/17: Attended and spoke at DMC awareness programme organized at Vivek Vihar.

7/12/17: Alongwith Commission Members, met Delhi Police Commissioner Shri Amulya Patnaik and discussed with him ways to improve relations between DMC and Delhi Police and safety and security of minority communities. He agreed that being weak and insecure, minorities need special care. (*See group photo on p. 53)*

16/12/17: Participated in the communal harmony programme held by Ekta Educational Welfare Society at Vishwakarma Nagar, Jhilmil, Delhi 110095; delivered lecture on Jerusalem in the evening at Jamaat-e Islami Hind headquarters in Okhla.

17/12/17: Alongwith DMC Member Ms Anastasia Gill, participated and spoke in the Manav Mandir Trust function of the Jain community at Manav Mandir, Ring Road, Behlolpur, Sarai Kale Khan; Chairman DMC spoke on the occasion.

19 /12/17: Participated in a conference on Jerusalem held by Muslim Political Council.

20/12/17: DMC held a well-attended conference on the occasion of UN Minority Rights Day at India Islamic Cultural Centre, Delhi, during which the *Delhi Minorities Commission: Vision, Mandate & Schemes* booklet was released *(see report elsewhere in this report)*.

22/12/17: Released book on *Competing Fundamentalisms* and spoke on the occasion, DMC member Ms Anastasia Gill also participated;

24/12/17: Participated and spoke at Hikmah Foundation annual function at Ghalib Academy, Hazrat Nizamuddin;

26/12/17: Alongwith Commission Members, participated and spoke at the birthday anniversary of the freedom fighter Udham Singh celebrated at DMC at the initiative of Shri Yog Abhyas Ashram Trust. Guests included Prof. Bhim Singh, patron of Panthers Party.

3/1/18: Interacted with a delegation from New Seelampur over a community issue involving imams.

4/1/18: Met rep. of NGO working for Rohingyas in Bangladesh.

6/1/18: Addressed a meeting on Muslim personal law held by Old Boys Assoc. of Darul Uloom Deoband at Hotel Riverview, New Delhi.

7/1/18: Addressed a conference organized by Madrasatul Islah Old Boysat Anjuman Islam, Mumbai, on reforms in the madrasa system.

14/1/18: Chief Guest at Delhi Youth function at Hindi Bhawan, New Delhi.

21/1/18: Wrote a detailed article in Urdu on how to fill online forms for scholarships, fee reimbursement and stationery help and got it published in many Urdu newspapers.

24/1/18: Director General, Tihar Jails visited DMC; participated alongwith Commission members in a reception held by Hon'ble Lt. Governor at LG House

27/1/18: Participated alongwith DMC Member Anastasia Gill in the DMC awareness programme organized by Sadik Masih Society Church of Nazarene, Molarbund, Badarpur.

29/1/18: Alongwith DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar inspected the on-going Buland Masjid Dispensary project at Shastri Park, East Delhi.

7/2/18: Delivered key note address at the Awqaf meeting, MET, Delhi.

15/2/18: Participated and spoke in the DMC awareness camp organized by Ujwal Mahila Vikas Society, Ambedkar Camp, Trilokpuri.

16/2/18: Mohd. Azmi Abdul Hamid, President, Malaysian Consultative Council of Islamic Organisations visited and exchanged views about minorities in South Asia; Participated and spoke at the IOS Conference on the country's current situation at the Constitution Club.

18/2/18: Participated and spoke at the meeting on awqaf, Waqf Foundation, MET, Delhi.

18/2/18: Chaired and spoke at the business session on Peace-Islam, Institute of Objective Studies.

20/2/18: Participated and spoke at the consultation on the country's current situation held by Jamiat Ulama-e Hind (Mahmood group, ITO; participated in the DMC awareness camp at Gobind Sadan, Gadaipur, Mehrauli.

21/2/18: Participation alongwith the Members of DMC in the DMC camp held by the Business & Employment Bureau at Hamdard Bldg., Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi.

25/2/18: Participated and spoke at the conference on Awqaf, India Islamic Cultural Centre.

2/3/18: Participated and spoke at the Auqaf meeting, Waqf Foundation, MET, New Delhi.

9/3/18: Participated and spoke at the annual conference of Markazi Jamiat Ahle Hadees at Ramlila Ground, New Delhi; Mr Kawasaki Takamichi, first secretary of the Embassy of Japan visited DMC and made enquiries about minority issues in the country.

14/3/18: Participated in the conference on current affairs held by Muslim Political Council of India, India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi.

15/3/18: Participated in a meeting called by Mr Imtiazuddin at Dr Syed Farooq's house, Okhla, to discuss Muslim community issues.

17/3/18: Participated and spoke at the DMC awareness camp organized by Kriti Foundation at Uttam Nagar.

25/3/18: Inaugural address on Maulana Azad at conference held by Shah Waliullah Institute at Azad Bhawan *(read on Chairman DMC's behalf due to his absence from Delhi).*

27/3/18: Mr Mohd. Hafiz Bin Othman, Counsellor at the High Commission of Malaysia in Delhi visited DMC and exchange views about its role and minorities problems in India.

29/3/18: Participated in the executive committee meeting of Darul Musannifin Shibli Academy, Azamgarh.

31/3/18: Participated and spoke in the annual function of Alliance School Murshidabad, West Bengal *(established and run by Charity Alliance headed by Chairman DMC)*

4/4/18: Discussed community issues with a delegation of Ham Sab Ekta Manch led by Baleegh Nomani.

22/4/18: Participated and spoke at the annual function of Madrasa Islamia Chatarpur, Delhi.

25/4/18: Chaired and spoke at the DMC awareness camp held by Janmanas Society at Ghalib Academy, Nizamuddin.

27/4/18: Participated and spoke at the DMC awareness camp organized by Lakshay NGO at Charitable Hospital, Udyog Nagar, Peera Garhi, Delhi.

21/4/18: Visited the Delhi office of the Hindi daily *Prayukti,* interacted with the reporters and staff and answered to their questions *(later published in a full-page report in its issue of 29 April, 2018).*

1/5/18: Participated and spoke in the book release function of *Ma'athir Rahimi,* on the life and times of the Mughal noble Khan-i Khanan, Ghalib Academy, New Delhi.

4/5/18: Participated and spoke in the condolence meeting held by the Institute of Objective Studies to condole the deaths of Maulana Salim Qasmi, Maulana Abdul Wahab Khilji and Justice Sachar, at KFTK Hall, Jamia Millia Islamia.

9/5/18: Participated and spoke at the DMC awareness camp organized by Ujwal Mahila Vikas Society at Mandawli, Nizam Chowk , East Delhi.

5/6/18: Ms. Clare Chng, Second Secretary at the Singapore High Commission, visited and interacted on minority issues in India.

22/6/18: Participated in the Khudai Khidmatgar meeting to launch Ankit-Junaid Harmony Fellowship, Ghaffar Manzil, Okhla.

23/6/18: Participated in the Eid Milan function held by Jamaat-e Islami Hind, Abul Fazal Enclave, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi.

KARTAR SINGH KOCHHAR, MEMBER, DMC:

8/8/17: Paid a courtesy visit, alongwith Chairman DMC, to Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi.

24/8/17: Participated, alongwith DMC Chairman and Member Ms Anastasia Gill in the joint meeting of the Muslim, Jain and Buddhist advisory committees, in DMC meeting hall.

28/8/17: Participated, alongwith Chairman DMC and Member Ms Anastasia Gill in the meeting of the Christian advisory committee in DMC meeting hall.

29/8/17: Conducted the meeting of the Sikh advisory committee in DMC meeting hall, alongwith Chairman DMC and Member Ms. Anastasia Gill.

30/8/17: Participated, alongwith Chairman DMC and Ms Anastasia Gill, Member DMC, in the meeting with the delegation of Vidya Jyoti College students and teachers which visited DMC and interacted with the Commission.

5/9/17: Paid a courtesy call, alongwith Chairman DMC and Member Ms Anastasia Gill, to the National Commission for Minorities where the delegation met NCM chairman and members and discussed minority issues.

15/9/17: Alongwith Chairman DMC and Member Ms. Anastasia Gill participated in the Sanjhi Virasat communal harmony programme;

28/9/2017: raised the issue for providing security to witnesses of 1984 riots to Commissioner of Police, Delhi.

September 2017: Had a meeting Shri Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister, Delhi for the release of DMC's Annual Report 2016-2017.

15/9/17: All commission members participated in the Sanjhi Virasat communal harmony programme.

28/09/2017: Recommended the constitution of Sexual Harassment Committee within Delhi Minorities Commission; Withdrawal of security cover provided to

witnesses of 1984 riots was taken up with the Commissioner of Police, Delhi.

October 2017: Recommended 24x7 Toll-Free Help Line to the people of minority communities in Delhi.

28/10/2017: Requested Chief Secretary Delhi to reserve seats for minority students in Private ITs.

29/10/2017: Attended the function of National Minorities Commission where Hon'ble Vice-President of India was the Chief Guest.

1/11/17: Alongwith Chairman DMC and Member Ms. Anastasia Gill participated in conference on the 1984 anti-Sikh genocide at Arya Auditorium, Delhi;

15/11/17: Commission Members received a Christian delegation from Vidya Jyoti College at DMC.

22/11/17: Christian delegation visited DMC and discussed community issues with the Commission members; Took up the issue of change of name of Dyal Singh College (Evening Shift) with the Principal of Dyal Singh College (Evening Shift). Informed that the reply of the Governing Body to be submitted to DMC for consideration.

23/11/17: Alongwith DMC Member Ms. Anastasia Gill, participated in a health awareness camp on epidemics held at DMC, organized by Mitter Foundation.

24/11/17: Commission members and Mr Abraham Pattiani (member of the previous Commission) met Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Arvind Kejriwal and presented to him the first copy of DMC Annual Report 2016-17.

7/12/17: Alongwith DMC Chairman and Member Anastasia Gill, called on Delhi Police Commissioner for a courtesy meeting; DMC Members Shri Kartar Singh Kochhar and Ms. Anastasia Gill attended and spoke at the awareness programme held by Mitter Foundation at Govind Puri, New Delhi.

8/12/17: Participated in the National Seminar held by Delhi Punjabi Academy on the 350th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Gobind Singh.

19/12/17: Members Shri Kartar Singh Kochhar and Ms Anastasia Gill attended the conference of the National Minorities Commission on minority rights.

20/12/2017: Participated in the DMC Conference on UN Minority Rights Day 2017 at India Islamic Cultural Centre.

24/12/2017: Participated in and spoke at an awareness camp on the eve of Parkash Purab of Guru Gobind Singh ji.

26/12/17: Commemorated the 110th Birth Anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singhji with Shri Yog Abhyas Ashram Trust at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Guests included Prof. Bhim Singh, patron of Panthers Party; Alongwith Chairman DMC and Member Anastasia Gill, participated and spoke at the birthday anniversary of the freedom fighter Udham Singh celebrated at DMC at the initiative of Shri Yog Abhyas Ashram Trust.

30/01/2018: Took up the matter of altering the fixed amount for disbursement of tuition fees, uniforms, scholarships *etcetera* with the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister-in-Charge, Government of NCT of Delhi.

02/02/2018: Organized Awareness Camp with Mitter Foundation at Govind Puri, New Delhi.

21/2/18: Participation alongwith the Members of DMC in the DMC camp held by the Business & Employment Bureau at Hamdard Bldg., Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi.

19/3/2018: Got published the book, *Welfare Schemes for Minorities* and distributed same for spreading awareness among minority people; Pamphlets got printed on Tuition Fee, Scholarship, *etcetera* and distributed for spreading awareness among minority people.

12/04/2018: Took up the matter of film "Nanak Shah Fakir" with the Producer not to release the same.

14/05/2018: Dealt with the grievances of Delhi Meat Merchants Association.

22/06/2018 onwards: Requested Delhi MLAs to recommend people to be enrolled in Advisory and Peace committees and empanelment of NGOs.

25/06/2018 onwards: Requested Minority Schools of Delhi to make recommendations for students and teachers to be honoured at the DMC Conference on completion of the current Commission's first year.

MS. ANASTASIA GILL, MEMBER, DMC:

2/8/17: Spoke on the Rights of Minorities to the Indian Social Institute Staff at Indian Social Institute, New Delhi.

4/8/17: Felicitated by All India Confederation for Women Empowerment Through Education (AICWETE) and participated in a Round Table Discussion on Peaceful Co-existence – Opportunities, Challenges and Sustainability at India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi; Spoke on minority issues, alongwith Ali Anwar Ansari (MP), to Supreme Court Advocates at Bible Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi; Felicitated by All

India Christian Minority Front at Bible Bhawan.

5/8/17: Addressed young advocates on rights of minorities at Human Rights Law Network, Bhogal, Jangpura.

24/8/17: Participated, alongwith Chairman DMC and Kartar Singh Kochhar, Member DMC, in the joint meeting of the Muslim, Jain and Buddhist advisory committees, in DMC meeting hall.

24/8/17: Participated in the meeting of the DMC Muslim Advisory Committee in the Conference Hall of Delhi Minorities Commission.

24/8/17: Participated in the meeting of the DMC Jain & Buddhist Advisory Committees' meeting in the Conference Hall of DMC.

28/8/17: Participated in the meeting of the DMC Christian advisory committee in the conference hall of DMC.

29/8/17: Participated, alongwith Chairman DMC and Kartar Singh Kochhar, Member DMC, in the meeting of the Sikh advisory committee in DMC meeting hall.

30/8/17: Participated, alongwith Chairman DMC and Kartar Singh Kochhar, Member DMC, in the meeting with the delegation of Vidya Jyoti College students and teachers visited DMC.

5/9/17: Paid a courtesy call, alongwith Chairman DMC and Member Kartar Singh Kochhar, to the National Commission for Minorities where the delegation met NCM chairman and members and discussed minority issues.

6/9/17: Spoke on minority rights to members of different commissions working at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) at CBCI) office, Ashoka Road, New Delhi.

10/9/17: Attended a public meeting and hearing with the Karwan-e-Mohabbat team at Tilak Vihar, expressing solidarity with the Sikh community.

12/9/17: Attended the All India Christian Bhartiya Masih Samaj Jagrukta Abihayan along with DMC Member Sh. Kartar Singh Kocher at YMCA, Sansad Marg, Delhi.

15/9/17: Spoke on minority rights along with Chairman and Member DMC, Kartar Singh Kochhar and Ali Anwar Ansari (M.P.) and representatives of various religions organized by Sanjhi Virasat at N. D. Tiwari Bhawan, Deen Dyal Upadhya Marg; Alongwith Chairman DMC and Member Kartar Singh Kochhar, participated in the Sanjhi Virasat communal harmony programme.

2/10/17: Attended the Day of Prayer for Peace for India at Jesus & Mary School, Gole Dhakana, New Delhi, organised by Christian partners.

10/10/17: Invited for a theological reflection-cum-panel discussion on Karwan-e-Mohabbat journey at Vidyajyoti College of Theology, Raj Niwas Marg, alongwith social activists, minorities and advocates.

11/10/17: Spoke on "Empowering girls: Emergency response and resilience planning," in the seminar on international girl child day – 2017, organized by AICWETE at Indian Social Institute, Lodhi Road, Delhi.

1/11/17: All Commission members participated in conference on the 1984 anti-Sikh genocide at Arya Auditorium, Delhi;

11/11/17: Felicitated by Catholic Bishops Conference of India's Council for Women and spoke at CBCI Centre, Ashok Place, New Delhi.

12/11/17: Attended a meeting with 50 Catholic Leaders organized by All India Catholic Union, New Delhi and spoke on Minority Awareness at Maria Bhavan, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Delhi.

15/11/17: Alongwith DMC Chairman, met members of a Christian delegation which visited DMC to discuss various minority and human rights issues; all Commission members received a Christian delegation from Vidya Jyoti College at DMC; Chairman spoke at length on Muslim-Christian relations.

15/11/17: Participated alongwith DMC Members in an official meeting with National Minorities Commission and discussed issues related to minorities at NCM office in CGO Complex, New Delhi.

19/11/17: Took part in the children's day celebration and addressed the children from the slums at Vidya Jyoti College of Theology, Raj Niwas Marg, Delhi.

22/11/17: All Commission members welcomed a Christian delegation from Methodist Church, Dhaka and discussed with them demolition of this church's entrance.

23/11/17: Alongwith DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar, attended health awareness campon epidemics held at DMC.

24/11/17: Alongwith Commission members and Mr Abraham Pattiani (member of the previous commission) met Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Arvind Kejriwal and presented to him the first copy of DMC Annual Report 2016-17.

24-25/11/2017: Attended Universal Periodical Review Meeting and addressed on the issue of minorities to prepare a report for UN 2018.

26/11-1/12/2017: Visited Khandamal in Orissa to express solidarity with the affected victims of violence there.

4/12/17: Took part in the eye camp organized by taxation department at Vikas Bhavan.

7/12/17: Alongwith DMC Chairman and Member Kartar Singh Kochhar called on Delhi Police Commissioner for a courtesy meeting; Alongwith DMC Members Shri Kartar attended and spoke at the awareness programme held by

Mitter Foundation at Govind Puri, New Delhi.

9/12/2017: Addressed 500 women of National Women's Federation from 10 states at Don Bosco Technical Institute, on minority rights.

16-12-2017: Attended Christian leaders' gathering and addressed 800 leaders from different Churches at Janakpuri, Delhi.

17/12/2017: Attended "Bal Divas" organized by Manav Mandir Mission Trust along with DMC Chairman at Jain Ashram, Ring Road, Sarai Kale Khan.

19/12/2017: Attended the National Minorities Commission Annual Lecture held at Vigyan Bhavan.

20/12/2017: Attended and spoke at the DMC conference on UN Minority Rights Day-2017 at India Islamic Cultural Centre.

20/12/17: Took part and spoke at the DMC conference on the occasion of UN Minority Rights Day at IICC, Delhi.

22/12/17: Alongwith Chairman DMC, participated in the release of the book *Competing Fundamentalisms.*

23-12-2017: Organized Christmas celebration at DMC office; attended Christmas celebration with CM Shri Arvind Kejriwal, Church and Christian community leaders at Vidhan Sabha.

26/12/17: Alongwith DMC Chairman and Commission Member Kartar Singh Kochhar, participated and spoke at the birthday anniversary of the freedom fighter Udham Singh celebrated at DMC at the initiative of Shri Yog Abhyas Ashram Trust. Guests included Prof. Bhim Singh, patron of Panthers Party; held a meeting of advisory committees' members regarding filling up of the online registration in the DMC conference hall; also attended a meeting at DMC conference hall in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Shaheed Udham Singh.

7/1/2018: Felicitated at Methodist Church, Dhaka, Kingsway Camp, Delhi, by Rev. Dr. N. C. George & congregation; also took part in awareness programme; Participated and spoke at the DMC awareness camp conducted by Mitter Foundation at Main Park, Govindpuri.

10/1/18: Participated in the condolence meeting in memory of late Dr. Ambrose Pinto SJ, a renowned scholar and human rights activist, at the Indian Social Institute, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

14/1/18: Conducted an awareness programme on scholarships & Govt. Schemes at St. Michael's Church, Pusa Road, Karol Bagh.

17/1/18: Participated alongwith DMC Members in the training of members of DMC advisory committees about scholarships for minority students at the conference hall of the Department for the

welfare of SC/ST/OBC & Minorities Dept. in collaboration with DMC.

22/1/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp conducted by Dr. Denzil Fernandes, Executive Director, Indian Social Institute at ISI headquarters on Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

23/1/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp at St. Vincent de Paul Church, H-1 Block, Jahangirpuri, New Delhi; also participated in a DMC awareness camp at Bhalswa, Burari, organised by the Indian Social Institute; also participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Grace Saxena, President, Heal NGO, at Nisheman Primary Girls School, Raj Niwas Marg, New Delhi; also participated in a DMC awareness camp at Bhalaswa Dairy, Presentation Sisters, Siksha Kendra, Delhi by the Indian Social Institute.

24/1/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Grace Saxena, Heal NGO, at Sant Nagar, Shiv Kunj, New Delhi; Alongwith Commission Members took part in the Republic Day 2018 reception held by Hon'ble Lt. Governor at 6 Raj Niwas, New Delhi.

25/1/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Grace and Bibiana, Heal NGO, at Convent Jesus Mary School, Bangla Sahib, Ashoka Road, New Delhi, on how to fill online scholarship forms for minority students.

25/1/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Grace Saxena, Heal NGO, at St. Columba's School, Ashoka Road, New Delhi; met Director of Chetanalaya to plan organization of Minorities Awareness Camps at various centres in collaboration with DMC collaboration.

27/1/18: Participated alongwith Chairman DMC in a DMC awareness camp organized by Sadik Masih Medical Social Servant Society (Regd.) at the Church of Nazrene, Molarband Extn., Badarpur, New Delhi.

28/1/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Heal NGOat St. Michael's Church, Prasad Nagar, New Delhi.

28/1/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Grace Saxena, Heal NGO, at St. Francis De Sales Church, Janakpuri, New Delhi.

29/1/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Samaj Vikas Samiti at Brij Mohan Aggarwal Dharamshala, Patparganj, Delhi

29/1/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Shri Yog Abhyas Ashram Trust at T-HUTS, opp. Gurudware Mata, Sundari Road, New Delhi.

30/1/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Minority Children and Parents at Presentation Convent Sr. Sec. school, Old Delhi, in which more than 200 students and about 50 parents of the Christian community participated.

30/1/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Society for Social Welfare and Development at Old Age Manoranjan Club, opp. Khichdipur, MCD School, Kalyanpuri, Delhi.

31/1/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Don Bosco Technical Institute, at Don Bosco School, Alaknada, New Delhi in which more than 30 school principals participated.

3/2/18: Attendedan award function ceremony organized by All India Christian Minority Front& Rashtriya Masih Sangh at Rajendra Bhawan, Deen Dyal Upadhyay Marg, New Delhi110002, addressed 500 Christian leaders from six states on Minority rights.

13/2/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Jan Manas Society, for social &environmental issues at Samudai Bhawan B-Block JJ Colony, Bawana, Delhi.

15/2/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Ujjwal Mahila Vikas Society at Ambedkar Camp, Trilokpuri, New Delhi.

17/2/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Chetanalaya (NGO) at Bawana, New Delhi.

18/2/18: Attended a national convention for minorities organized by the Forum for Justice and Peace at Ranchi.

20/2/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Mitter Foundation (NGO) at Gobind Sadan Gadaipur, New Delhi.

21/2/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Business and Employment Bureau at Hamdard Building, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi.

23/2/18: Participated and spoke at the awareness camp held by Chetanalaya at Shastri Park.

24/2/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by HEAL NGO at Ambey School, Gali No. 83, Sant Nagar, Burari, New Delhi.

27/2/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by the Indian Social Institute at St. Xavier School, Shahabad, Rohini.

1/3/18: Addressed a Christian community meeting on Govt. schemes at St. Mary Church, Old Delhi.

2/3/18: Addressed youth of CNI & Methodist Church at Dhaka.

3/3/18: Addressed Muslim and Christian women on Govt. schemes at Bhalaswa.

4/3/18: Was the chief guest at a Women's Day Celebration; addressed 1000 Catholic women on minority rights at the Community Centre, Gole Dakhana.

6/3/18: Addressed Christian women from 10 organisations on Role of minorities in politics at ISPCK, New Delhi.

7/3/18: Participated in Women's Day celebration at Shahbad Technical Institute at St. Xavier School, Shahabad and spoke on women and minority rights.

8/3/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Chetanalaya (NGO) at F-2 Park, Balwandi, Sundernagri, New Delhi.

9/3/18: Participated in the National Consultation on Women in India Today: Issue and Challenges, spoke in the Panel V on Women and Politics as resource person, at CISRS House, Jungpura, New Delhi.

10-12/3/18: Participated in an awareness camp organized at Bishop's House in Jammu city for 150 Christian Leaders from Jammu, Punjab, Chandigarh and Delhi on minority property rights.

11/3/18: Addressed R. S. Pura Jammu Christian community on Govt. welfare schemes available for minorities.

12/3/18: Addressed Bishop, priests and lay leaders at Pastoral Centre, Jammu, on Govt. schemes.

14/3/18: Paid visit and held meeting with the Methodist Church community pastor and leaders at Dhaka after the demolition drive against the front portion of the Methodist Church on that day and held meeting with 40 members of the church.

16/3/18: Addressed a delegation at DMC office to address the Methodist Dhaka church issue.

18/3/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by HEAL NGO at George's Church, Dhaka.

19/3/18: Participated in a programme conducted by Sabarmati Samruddhi Social Service Society at Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat, on Govt. schemes available to minorities.

20/3/18: Participated in a DMC awareness camp organized by Bethesda Charitable Endeavors at Amazing Grace Church, Himgiri Enclave, Burari, Delhi.

23/3/18: Participated and anchored the meeting of the DMC Sikh Advisory Committee at Delhi Secretariat.

24/3/18: Participated in the Women Summit on Women and Justice by Women's Manifesto at the Indian Social Institute.

28/3/18: Participated and anchored the meeting of the DMC Christian Advisory Committee at the Delhi Secretariat.

6/4/18: Met members of Sadiq Masih Medical Society for getting loans for minorities.

9/4/18: Planned with two NGOs, Heal and Sadiq Masih Medical Society, about how to organize Loan Awareness Camps in minority areas.

4-5/18: Went to Ireland and U. K. to participate in the International Conference organized by Presentation Sisters for delegates from 25 countries on issues related to human rights.

12/6/18: Met representatives of Heal and Bathesda NGOs and discussed regarding possibility of conducting awareness programmes on loans available for minorities.

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- यूपी वक्फ बोर्ड चेयरमैन का बयान बेबुनियाद

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Minorities panel writes to JNU over 'Islamic Terrorism'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 22

THE DELHI Minorities Commission Tuesday issued a notice to the Jawaharlal Nehru University Registrar, asking if the

Soon at JNU, study on 'Islamic terrorism'

The Indian Express report dated May 19

Minorities panel comes to the rescue of DBCs

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Domestic breeder-checkers (DBCs) working with the East Delhi Municipal Corporations (EDMC) will no longer be on a four-month 'break' without pay, thanks to the intervention by the Delhi Minorities Commission.

The EDMC gives a four-

Khirki mosque: DMC seeks ASI reply on steps taken

AGE CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

The Delhi Minorities Commission (DMC) has sought the response of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on steps taken to dispel claims that the Khirki mosque — a well known Tughlaq-era monument — was a fort of Rajput warrior Maharana Pratap.

DMC chairperson Zafarul Islam Khan said that a suo motu notice has been issued to the ASI based on reports that some locals claim the Khirki mosque to be a fort of Maharana

Khirki Masjid, a Tughlak-era monument.

The mosque was built by a high ranking official of Sultan Firoz Shah Tughlaq in the 14th century. 'Reports have been published saying the word mosque is being erased from the ASI signboard amid propaganda by some locals' DMC chairperson said

laq in the 14th century.

"The commission has

the said mosque was a fort of Maharana Pratap," Khan said.

The commission has also sought to know what steps have been taken by the ASI in order to prevent erasing of the word "mosque" from its signboards, by miscreants.

"Reports have been consistently published saying that the word mosque is being repeatedly erased from the ASI signboard amid propaganda of some locals that this Tughlak-era monument is a fort of Maharana Pratap," Khan said.

However, the DMC chair-

भारतीयों की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए अफगान सरकार को भेजा ज्ञापन

आतंकी इंसानियत पर बदनुमा दाग : खान

प्रयुक्ति @ नई दिल्ली

दिल्ली माइनॉरिटी कमीशन ने अफगानिस्तान के जलालाबाद में हुए आतंकी हमले में शहीद हुए लोगों की याद में एक शोक सभा का आयोजन किया। इस दौरान आईएसआईएस और दूसरे आतंकी संगठनों के कृत्य की कड़े शब्दों में निंदा करते हुए उन्हें इस्लाम और इंसानियत पर एक बदनुमा दाग बताया।

कमीशन ने अफगान सरकार को ज्ञापन भेजकर वहां रहने वाले हिन्दुओं और सिखों की सुरक्षा

को श्रद्धांजलि दी गई। इस मौके पर बोलते हुए चेयरमैन डॉ.जफरुल इस्लाम खान ने कहा कि ऐसे लोगों की इस्लाम में कोई जगह नहीं है। उन्होंने कहा कि इंसानियत ऐसे लोगों पर लानत भेजती है, साथ ही ऊपर सहानुभूति व्यक्त की। साथ ही उन्होंने कहा कि माइनॉरिटी कमीशन उम्मीद करता है कि अफगानिस्तान सरकार अपने सभी नागरिकों, विशेष रूप से गैर-मुस्लिम की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करेगी।

शहीदों की याद में शोक सभा

इस अवसर पर कमीशन के दूसरे सदस्य सरदार करतार सिंह कोचर, अनस्तासिया गिल ने भी शोक सभा को सम्बोधित करते हुए आतंकियों के इस कृत्य की कड़े शब्दों में निंदा करते हुए दोषियों के खिलाफ शख्त से सख्त कार्रवाई किए जाने की मांग की।

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Minorities body concerned over meagre loans given to minorities, writes to DSFDC

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Khirki mosque: Delhi minorities panel seeks ASI response

The mosque in Khirki village

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ਪੱਤਰ ਪ੍ਰੇਰਕ

ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ, 28 ਮਾਰਚ

ਦਿੱਲੀ ਮੀਟ ਕਾਰੋਬਾਰੀ ਐਸੋਸੀਏਸ਼ਨ (ਰਜਿ.) ਦਾ ਇਕ ਵਫ਼ਦ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਕਰਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੋਛੜ ਨੂੰ ਮਿਲਿਆ। ਇਸ ਵਫ਼ਦ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਕਿ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ ਦੇ ਨਿਯਮ ਮੁਤਾਬਕ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮੀਟ ਦੀਆਂ ਦੁਕਾਨਾਂ ਲਈ ਥਾਂ ਦਿੰਦੀ ਹੈ। ਨਿਯਮ ਮੁਤਾਬਕ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੇ ਪੂਰਬੀ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੀਟ ਦੇ ਬੁੱਚੜਖ਼ਾਨੇ ਲਈ ਜਿਵੇਂ ਜਗਾ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਹੈ। ਉਸੇ ਤਰੀਕੇ

ਵਫ਼ਦ ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਮੰਗਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿੰਦਾ ਹੋਇਆ। ਫੋਟੋ: ਦਿਓਲ

ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਡੀਡੀਏ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕਾਰੋਬਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਜਗ੍ਹਾਂ ਹੁਣ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਅਨੁਸੂਚਿਤ ਜਾਤੀ

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वक्फ बोर्ड की जमीन कब्जाकर बिल्डर करा रहा है बहुमंजिला बिल्डिंग का निर्माण

मस्जिद डिमॉलिश.... माइनॉरिटी कमीशन का नोटिस

• नतीजा
• मस्जूद तक सीलबंदी किया सदियों पुरानी मस्जिद सहीद
• कमीशन ने दिल्ली वक्फ बोर्ड व डीडीए से मांगी रिपोर्ट

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दिल्ली में वक्फ बोर्ड की संपत्तियों पर कब्जे करने का सिलसिला थमने का नाम नहीं ले रहा है, दबंगों के कब्जे का शिकार इस बार बनी है सदियों पुरानी एक मस्जिद। एक बिल्डर ने इस मस्जिद की इस जगह पर कब्जा करने की जीदत से न केवल मस्जिद को शहीद कर दिया

बल्कि उसकी जगह पर एक बहुमंजिला इमारत का निर्माण कार्य भी शुरू कर दिया है।

स्थानीय लोगों से मिली शिकायत को गंभीरता से लेते हुए दिल्ली माइनॉरिटी कमीशन ने दिल्ली वक्फ बोर्ड और इलाके के डीडीए को नोटिस देकर जवाब तलब किया है। कमीशन से मिली एक जानकारी के मुताबिक महरौली के अंबेडकर मोहल्ले इलाके में स्थित मस्जूद शाह कॉलोनी के पास सदियों पुरानी मस्जिद को कुछ लोगों ने कब्जा करके इसे बिल्डर को बेच दिया है, जिसने मस्जिद को तोड़कर करके वहां पर बिल्डिंग को बनाना शुरू कर दिया है। स्थानीय लोगों ने लोकल पुलिस और दिल्ली वक्फ बोर्ड को इसकी शिकायत की, लेकिन उनके बावजूद इस पर एक्शन नहीं लिया गया। मस्जिदवाला उस जगह पर आज भी पहले से निर्माण कार्य चल रहा है। स्थानीय लोगों से मिली शिकायत को दिल्ली माइनॉरिटी कमीशन ने बेहद गंभीरता से लिया। कमीशन ने दिल्ली वक्फ बोर्ड, डीडीए सहित के अलावा एसडीएम सहित को नोटिस देकर यह पूछा है कि आखिर इस प्राचीन मस्जिद को शहीद करने और वहां कोई बिल्डिंग बनाने से रोकने के लिए किस तरह के कदम उठाये गए हैं। गौरतलब है कि खसरा नंबर 1613/3 पर बनी यह मस्जिद दिल्ली वक्फ बोर्ड की संपत्ति है।

गुलशन मस्जिद में नमाज से रोका

दिल्ली माइनॉरिटी कमीशन चेयरमैन, डॉ. जफरुल इस्लाम ने कहा कि कुछ असामाजिक तत्वों द्वारा महरौली की गुलशन मस्जिद में नमाजियों को नमाज से रोके जाने के मामले में संज्ञान लेते हुए नोटिस जारी किया है। कमीशन के मुताबिक वहां कुछ लोगों ने न केवल नमाज से रोका बल्कि नमाज की चटाइयों को भी नुकसान पहुंचाया है। साथ ही इमाम के साथ बदतमीजी की गई। इसके हो कि मस्जिद के अहाते में मौजूद कब्रों को भी एक साल पहले नुकसान पहुंचाया गया था। डीडीए, वक्फ बोर्ड और एसडीएम को नोटिस देकर इन तमाम तथ्यों के सिलसिलेवार कार्रवाई की रिपोर्ट मांगी गई है। कई अखबारों की बात है कि एक सदियों पुरानी मस्जिद को शहीद करके वहां पर कब्जा करके बहुमंजिला इमारत का निर्माण कराया जा रहा है और इतनी शिकायत देने के बावजूद वक्फ बोर्ड और लोकल पुलिस ने कोई एक्शन नहीं लिया।

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ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਵਲੋਂ ਐਕਟ 1999 ਦੀ ਧਾਰਾ 10 (ਐਚ) ਤਹਿਤ ਸਿੱਕਾ ਨੂੰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਭੇਜ ਕੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਵਾਬ ਤਲਬੀ : ਕੋਛੜ

ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ 17 ਅਪ੍ਰੈਲ (ਮੇਜਰ ਸਿੰਘ) : ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣੱਤੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਸ. ਕਰਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੋਛੜ ਨੇ ਵਿਵਾਦਤ ਫ਼ਿਲਮ ਨਾਨਕ ਸ਼ਾਹ ਫ਼ਕੀਰ ਦੇ ਨਿਰਮਾਤਾ ਹਰਿਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਿੱਕਾ ਨੂੰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਭੇਜ ਕੇ 18 ਅਪ੍ਰੈਲ 2018 ਤਕ ਜਵਾਬ ਮੰਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਸ. ਕੋਛੜ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਮੀਡੀਆ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਵਿਚ ਦਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਬੀਤੇ ਵਿ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੇ ਪੰਥਕ ਸੇਵ ਇਕ ਵਿ ਜਾਣਕਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਨਾਨਕ ਸ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸਿ ਤਰਾਂ ਠੇ ਬਰਦਾਸ਼ਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਇਸ ਲਈ ਇਸ ਫ਼ਿਲਮ 'ਤੇ ਤੁਰੰਤ ਰੋਕ ਲਗਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ। ਸ. ਕੋਛੜ ਨੇ ਦਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਮੁੱਦੇ 'ਤੇ ਗੰਭੀਰਤਾ ਨਾਲ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਗ੍ਰਹਿ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਰਾਜਨਾਥ ਸਿੰਘ,ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਿੰਸੀਪਲ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਨਰਪਿੰਦਰ ਮਿਸ਼ਰਾ, ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਬੋਰਡ ਆਫ਼ ਸਰਟੀਫਿਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੇ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ ਪ੍ਰਸੂਨ ਜੋਸ਼ੀ, ਮੁੱਖ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਅਰਵਿੰਦ

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ਪੱਤਰ ਪ੍ਰੇਰਕ
ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ, 25 ਮਾਰਚ

ਦਿੱਲੀ ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਕਾਰਗੁਜ਼ਾਰੀ ਤੇ ਵੱਖ ਵੱਖ ਭਲਾਈ ਸਕੀਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦੇਣ ਲਈ ਇੱਕ 'ਸਿੱਖ ਅਡਵਾਈਜ਼ਰੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ' ਦਾ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਸਮਾਗਮ ਬੁਲਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ। ਇਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਖਸ਼ੀਅਤਾਂ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਸੁਝਾਅ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੇ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਦੀਆ ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀਆ ਲਈ ਉਲੀਕੀਆ ਗਈਆ ਸਕੀਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਹਾਸਲ ਕੀਤੀ। ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਦੇ

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DMC notice over 'Rohingya' reference

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A NOTICE was issued to a TV channel by the Delhi Minorities Commission (DMC) for airing a report that allegedly referred to some locals of north Delhi's Bawana as "Rohingya" and "Bangladeshis", the panel's head said.

"The DMC has issued a notice to Sudarshan TV over a report it telecast about the residents of Bawana in north Delhi," its chairman Zafarul Islam Khan said.

He said the channel had aired

رابعہ اسکول کے خلاف دہلی اقلیتی کمیشن کا نوٹس جاری

بند نہیں ہونے دیا جائے گا اسکول، ہمدرد کے ساتھ پورا تعاون کرے گا کمیشن

نئی دہلی (انور حسین جعفری) پرانی دہلی کے رابعہ گرلز پبلک اسکول کے پرائمری سیکشن میں فیس نہ دئے جانے کی بنیاد پر 59 بچوں کو بیس منٹ میں رکھے جانے کا معاملہ طول پکڑ گیا ہے۔ حالانکہ اسکول انتظامیہ کا کہنا ہے کہ یہ بیسمنٹ طالبات کا ایکٹیوٹی روم ہے جہاں بچوں کی کھیل کے تمام ذرائع موجود ہیں لیکن بچوں کو اس بیسمنٹ میں واقع ایکٹیوٹی روم میں کئی گھنٹے رکھے جانے کے خلاف والدین کی جانب سے اسکول کے خلاف ایف آئی آر درج کرائی جا چکی ہے۔ تنازع پر نوٹس لیتے ہوئے دہلی خواتین کمیشن کی جانب سے دہلی پولیس اور محکمہ تعلیم کو نوٹس جاری کر کے اس معاملے میں کی گئی کاروائی کی رپورٹ

کی کسی کوشش کے ہم خلاف ہیں۔ اس سلسلے میں ہمدرد ایجوکیشن سوسائٹی کے ساتھ پورا تعاون کریں گے۔ اسکول کو بند نہیں ہونے دیا جائے گا۔

یاد رہے کہ گزشتہ 9 جولائی کو پرانی دہلی کے بلیماران گلی قاسم جان میں واقع ہمدرد کے بانی حکیم عبدالحمید کے قائم شدہ رابعہ گرلز پبلک اسکول کے پرائمری سیکشن کی چھوٹی چھوٹی بچیوں کو اسکول کی ہیڈ منسٹریٹو فرح دیبا خان کے آرڈر پر بیس منٹ میں جو اسکول کا ایکٹیوٹی روم بتایا جاتا ہے، میں کئی گھنٹے صرف اس بنیاد پر بند کر دیا تھا کہ ان بچیوں کے والدین نے اسکول کی فیس وقت پر ادا نہیں کی تھی جبکہ بچیوں کے والدین کا کہنا

Leaders of various minority communities come together on the UN Minority Day celebrated by the Delhi Minorities Commission at India Islamic Cultural Centre on 20 December, 2017

Shri Arvind Kejriwal, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi releasing DMC's Annual Report 2016-17 on 24 November 2017

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